

Frequently Asked Questions

Applications for the MAA Grant Programs:

Dolciani Mathematical Enrichment Grants (DMEG)

Tensor-SUMMA

Tensor Women in Mathematics

Q: Can two proposals from the same department/institution be submitted to these programs in the same grant year?

A: Funding for all three programs is limited, and the MAA will make every attempt to support a broad range of projects from various geographic locations. If any department is interested in submitting more than one proposal, we strongly recommend discussing this internally and making a decision which of the multiple proposals is the strongest or more important from your Departmental point of view. Otherwise, the MAA reviewers might reject one of the proposals randomly, and it might be a stronger one, or the one that would be more important for your department.

DMEG: Our RFP clearly states that “A proposal for a project may be submitted from the same institution or department to only one of the following MAA grant programs in a given year: the DMEG program; the Tensor SUMMA program; or the Tensor Women and Mathematics program.” If you submit two or more proposals from the same department or institution, one of your DMEG proposals will be rejected without review.

Tensor and Tensor-SUMMA: These programs will not reject your proposals without review. But it is highly unlikely that more than one will be supported.

Q: Do the major project personnel need to be MAA members to increase our chances of being funded?

A: No, they don't need to be MAA members. While project personnel credentials are a factor in making a funding decision, their MAA membership status does not affect their chances of getting a grant.

Q: If there are two or more project co-directors, is the two-page curriculum vitae limit for each project director or combined?

A: CV is limited to two pages per EACH of the project co-directors.

Q: May I budget grant funds for faculty release time?

A: Your budget may not pay for release time for faculty. It is assumed that this will be covered by your university as in-kind contribution, except for Tensor-Women projects aimed at developing a course on women and mathematics provided the host institution agrees to offer the course.

Q: Can I submit an application for a one-day event?

A: DMEG supports short-term events, however, support for short-term events (one to three days) is generally limited to \$2,500.

Tensor-SUMMA and Tensor Women do not have such a restriction, but one-day events without follow-up have traditionally not been seen as competitive projects.

Q: Should my institution provide dollar-for-dollar support to the project? Is “in-kind support” same as “Indirect”?

A: We do expect some matching funds from your college, but this can be in-kind contribution, such as in the form of materials, office supplies, use of space, etc. They do not need to be matching dollar-for-dollar. It is meant to show your institution’s dedication and support for your project.

Indirect cost (also called Facilities and Administrative Rate, or F&A Rate) is the mechanism used to reimburse university for the infrastructure support costs associated with sponsored research and other sponsored projects. The F&A rate is essentially an overhead rate.

Neither DMEG nor Tensor programs support indirect costs.

Q: May a foreign institution apply for DMEG, Tensor or Tensor-SUMMA funding?

A: Applications will be accepted from college and university mathematical sciences faculty at accredited U.S. (including U.S. Territory) or Canadian institutions.