

FACULTY APPLICATION
Professional Development Committee (PDC)

Instructions:

1. Complete the application form, making certain to indicate any previous funding from the PDC.
2. Prepare a proposal for your project that includes a description of the professional opportunity.
3. Include budget information detailing the costs directly related to the research, performance, or presentation. This should include hotel, transportation, and/or project fees (**no per diem or food allowance**).
4. Attach a letter of support written by your department chair. Your department chair may also send this directly to academicaffairs@esm.rochester.edu. Please notify your department chair of your request in a timely manner so the letter can also be submitted by the given deadline. If you are a current department chair you can submit your application without a letter of support.
5. Full-time faculty **MUST** demonstrate professional opportunity/need beyond the annual allocated professional development amount of \$1300. Part-time faculty should describe how this opportunity is related to their current teaching position at Eastman.
6. If the professional opportunity involves international travel, you **MUST** register with the University's Office of Global Engagement. Please visit <http://www.rochester.edu/global/travel/> to access the University's travel registry and provide information about your travel plans.
7. Save the completed application as a **PDF (Last name, First name)** and send as an e-mail attachment to academicaffairs@esm.rochester.edu.
8. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Be sure all required items are included.

Guidelines:

1. For the 2026-27 academic year, the PDC deadlines are as follows: October 1, November 1, December 1, February 1, March 1, April 1, May 1, and June 1, as long as funds are available (see attached schedule). An email announcement will be sent several weeks before each due date. Decisions made by the committee will be announced via email.
2. Faculty approved for funding **MUST** submit an Workday Expense Report within 60 days following the event or experience and will be reimbursed up to the level specified by the PDC.
3. School funds may not be used to support travel for which an honorarium is paid, unless expenses greatly exceed the honorarium received.
4. Higher priority will be given to faculty members applying for first-time funding.
5. Retroactive applications **may not** be submitted. Your application for funding must be submitted prior to the date the activity will occur.
6. Funding will be given in roughly equal amounts. In order to support more applicants, there is a cap on faculty requests. Exceptions may be approved for special cases or for proposals involving international travel.
7. Faculty eligibility for PDC funding includes the following: full-time faculty, part-time faculty on multi-year contracts, or part-time faculty with a minimum of 3 years of continuous service.

Submission Deadline	Applications accepted for activities occurring in:
October 1, 2026	October 2026 November 2026 December 2026 January 2027 February 2027
November 1, 2026	November 2026 December 2026 January 2027 February 2027 March 2027
December 1, 2026	December 2026 January 2027 February 2027 March 2027 April 2027
February 1, 2027	February 2027 March 2027 April 2027 May 2027 June 2027
March 1, 2027	March 2027 April 2027 May 2027 June 2027
April 1, 2027*	April 2027* May 2027* June 2027*
May 1, 2027*	May 2027* June 2027*
June 1, 2027*^	June 2027* July 2027^ August 2027^ September 2027^

*should the PDC reach the limit of its funding before the end of the fiscal year, applications will be closed for the remainder of the fiscal year (through June 30)

^applications for activities beginning in the first three months of the new fiscal year (beginning July 1) will always be accepted and reviewed at the June 1 deadline

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Name: _____ Date of application: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of faculty chair writing letter of support: _____

Date(s) of the opportunity for which funding is requested: _____

Total amount of funding requested (insert budget where indicated below): _____

For full-time faculty, PDC funds are intended to support opportunities with costs beyond the annual allocated amount of \$1300. Explain how you plan to use the annual allocation this year.

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Name or brief explanation of the opportunity for which funding is requested (insert in text box below):

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Have you previously received PDC funding?	YES	NO

If yes, please list every occurrence of funding in the table below. Please complete the table with all dates, projects, and amounts granted.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Name of proposed project or event: _____

Does your proposal involve international travel? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Did you register with the University's online travel registry (see instructions for details)? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Type your proposal here:

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Provide a detailed listing of your proposed budget:

Airfare:	
Lodging:	
Registration fees:	
Car rental:	
Local transportation:	
Mileage or Gas:	
Other:	
Other:	
Other	
Total estimated expenses:	

* Please note, food/per diem will NOT be funded. Please do not list this in your budget or submit receipts.

** The University will reimburse mileage OR gas receipts, not both.