

2025 IEEE PES Member-Driven Initiatives Funding Priorities, Restrictions, Application Process , Terms & Conditions

The IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES) Governing Board has allocated funding to support Member-Driven Initiatives (MDI) under PES membership Development Committee, empowering PES Professional Chapters , PES Student Branch Chapters , and Committees to organize impactful activities that align with the PES mission.

→ Funding Priorities

All applications will be evaluated competitively by the PES MDI Selection Committee, with preference given to initiatives that:

- *Align closely with the [PES Mission](#).*
- *Demonstrate **innovation** in scope and execution.*
- *Impact a **large number of PES members**.*
- *Provide **tangible benefits to industry professionals**.*
- *Engage **students and young professionals**, fostering their growth in the field.*
- *Promote **gender diversity** by supporting and encouraging female participation in PES.*
- *Support **PES membership growth and retention**.*
- *Expand **public outreach**, raising awareness of the **electric power and energy industry** and PES's role within it.*

→ Terms and Conditions

- **Funding Amounts:**
 - *No minimum funding request but **PES Day funding** limited to maximum of **\$300 USD***
 - ***Compact initiatives:** Up to **\$500 USD**.*
 - ***Extended initiatives:** Up to **\$2,000 USD**.*
- **Application Requirements:**
 - *Application must be completed by a PES member of any grade*
 - *Proposals must include **detailed budgets in specified forms**, supported by **vendor invoices/quotes**.*
 - *India council chapters including non PES OUs need to submit endorsement form along with other supporting documents*
 - ***Final reports** must include expense summaries, receipts, attendance data, and promotional materials.*
- **Project Execution Guidelines:**
 - *Initiatives requiring **chartered transportation** must provide an **Official Insurance Agreement** covering liability.*
 - *The project must be **completed** within the **funding calendar year**.*
 - *The **local PES Chapter** must be **informed and involved** in the initiative's development.*
 - *Funds will be transferred to an **IEEE Organizational Unit (OU)**, such as a **Section or Chapter bank account**. Direct transfers to individuals are not permitted.*

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- *Initiatives must be **promoted effectively** via social media and PES platforms.*

- **Reporting & Compliance:**
 - ***Final reports** must be submitted **within 60 days** of initiative completion and **no later than November 15** of the funding year. MDI Chair will communicate the final date of report submission along with specific format.*
 - *Initiatives involving children must comply with [IEEE Guidelines for Activities with Children](#).*
 - *Proposals must adhere to all **national, state, and local laws, IEEE policies, and ethical standards.***
 - ***IEEE sanctions and export control laws** apply; funding cannot be granted to certain designated countries or entities.*
 - ***Data privacy regulations** must be respected, ensuring compliance with applicable laws.*
 - *Proposals must avoid **conflicts of interest** and comply with the **IEEE Principles of Business Conduct.***

→ Funding Restrictions

- **Limited Funds:** *Once the allocated budget is exhausted, **no additional funding will be granted** within the same funding cycle.*
- **Application Timing:**
 - *Proposals should be submitted **as early as possible** to maximize the chances of approval.*
 - *Initiative duration should not exceed **two months**.*
 - *All funds must be requested, utilized, and accounted for **within the same fiscal year**.*
- **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - *Only **active** PES members affiliated with an IEEE Section, Sub Section , IEEE Student Branch Chapter, PES Professional Chapter, or PES Committee are eligible to apply.*
 - *Each Organizational Unit (OU) may receive **only one** funded initiative per fiscal year.*
 - ***Inactive PES members** or those in arrears are **not eligible**.*
- **Prohibited Expenses:**
 - ***Conference organization, travel, and participation costs** (e.g., registration fees, lodging, airfare).*
 - ***Research expenses, tuition, or stipends.***
 - ***Honoraria for speakers or compensation for work.***
 - ***Equipment purchases** of any kind.*
 - ***Direct fund transfers to individuals or personal bank accounts.***

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→ *Application Process*

1. ***Complete the MDI Proposal Form:***
 - *Provide all required information in the application form.*
 - *Attach fully filled MDI detailed spending form along with supporting vendor quotes. Indian chapters and sections must submit endorsement form as well*
 - *Attach a **PDF file** with any **additional details** if necessary.*
2. ***Submission Does Not Guarantee Funding:***
 - *The **PES MDI Selection Committee** will review applications and make final funding decisions.*
 - *Applicants may be required to submit **additional information** upon request.*
3. ***Early Submission is Encouraged:***
 - ***Funds are awarded on a rolling basis until fully allocated**—earlier submissions have a **higher chance of approval**.*
 - *The **geographical distribution of funds** will be considered to ensure equitable allocation across different regions.*

*For any questions, please contact the **IEEE PES Membership Development Committee** at pes-mdc@ieee.org.*