

2026 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. **All the funding will be provided based on the reimbursement basis** through IEEE Concur(The MDI leader/OU need to invest money out of pocket first and reimburse through Concur)

→ 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.
- Multiple time **funded same event** may get **rejected** upfront

→ 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**.

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- The **local PES Chapter must be informed and involved** in the initiative's development.
 - Funds will be **reimbursed** through IEEE Concur platform to the **actual expenses with an upper limit of Approved funding amount**
 - All the bills should be in the name of MDI leader/the concur account holder
 - Initiatives must be **promoted effectively** via social media and PES platforms.
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- **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**.
 - Indian Chapters must obtain the endorsement
- **Prohibited Expenses:**
 - **Conference organization, travel, and participation costs** (e.g., registration fees, lodging, airfare).
 - Event Prize money
 - **Research expenses, tuition, or stipends**.

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- **Honoraria for speakers or compensation for work.**
- **Equipment purchases** of any kind.
- **Direct fund transfers to individuals or personal bank accounts.**

→ 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.

Please Note : Each professional Chapter in India has limitations in terms of number of endorsement per cycle if any of the professional chapters **endorsing more than the number of allocated** endorsement , **All the proposal** from that **chapter** will get **rejected**. The student branch chapter applicants are requested to submit their proposal for review early as possible for the endorsement.

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