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**Summer 2026 Student Micro Grant Application**

* This Summer 2026 application has four required sections and one attachment.
* Maximum funding available from the Center is $5,000.
* The faculty advisor is considered the project director or PI and must have an appointment at an educational institution eligible to receive Center funding. The student is considered a co-investigator and must be enrolled in a program at the same institution.
* Completed applications should be sent via email to [**lhinson@rural.pa.gov**](mailto:lhinson@rural.pa.gov) no later than March 2, 2026. Review of applications will begin February 16, 2026.

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| 1. ***Applicant Information***   **Project Title:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Name of Faculty Advisor:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Faculty Email:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Department and Title/Rank:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **University:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Address Line:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **City, State, Zip:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Faculty Phone:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Number of Student Research Projects Supervised in the Past:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **University Grants Administrator Contact Name, Title, Email:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Type of Project** (individual student or group project)**:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Student Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Student Email:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **University:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Program or Major:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Status/Degree** (e.g., Undergrad, Grad, B.S., Ph.D.):Click or tap here to enter text.  **Current GPA:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Expected Date of Degree Completion:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **If student(s) will receive credit for the project, what is the course name and number for which credit may be earned:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **If the project will involve any direct partnership with a community organization or other external entity, please enter the name:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **2025 Estimated Budget:**   * Center for Rural Pennsylvania funds requested: $Click or tap here to enter text. * University funding or Other funds: $Click or tap here to enter text. * 2025 Budget Total: $Click or tap here to enter text.   **Estimated Project Start Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.  **Estimated Project End Date** (no more than six months from start)**:** Click or tap to enter a date. |
| 1. ***Project***   **Synopsis of Project***(300 character maximum)***:**  Enter Text Here  **To which of the Center’s mandated research areas is the project related?**  (Choose from: rural people and communities; economic development; local government finance and administration; community services; natural resources/environment; educational outreach; rural values/social change; agriculture; health and welfare):  Enter Text Here |
| 1. ***Project Supervision*** (one page)   The faculty advisor should provide an outline of the type and frequency of supervision, guidance, and support that will be provided to the student(s).  Enter Text Here |

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| 1. ***Project Details***   **Research and Policy Relevance** (4,000 characters/two page maximum)  Concisely summarize:   1. the issue or topic your research will address, and the relevance, urgency, and necessity of your work to the Pennsylvania General Assembly or other specific policy makers in rural Pennsylvania; 2. the current role of state, county or local government in addressing related needs, problems or issues; and 3. the contribution of this work to existing knowledge (do *not* provide a lengthy literature review; do provide brief references to previous empirical findings and brief citations).   Enter Text Here |
| **Goals and Objectives** (2,000 characters/one page maximum)  Provide a bulleted list of the key specific, measurable, empirical goals to be accomplished through this research. These are *knowledge* goals and should clearly outline what questions the researcher will have answered when the project is complete.  Enter Text Here |
| **Deliverables** (2,000 characters/one page maximum)  In an outline or bullet list, please list and briefly explain all deliverables for the Center that will result from completion of each project goal (e.g., a data set, interview summaries, report, maps, charts; do *not* list future academic articles, publications or presentations).  Enter Text Here |

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| **Methodology** (4,000 characters/two page maximum)  Describe *how* you will accomplish the research goals and objectives. Include a description of information or data sources to be used, the sources, level(s) of analysis, and variables. Describe the proposed methods and processes for data collection and analysis, Discuss the relevance of the design to rural Pennsylvania. Provide a rationale for all aspects of the methodology including processes, tools used, operationalization, measurement, and approaches taken.  Enter Text Here |
| **Policy Implications or Considerations** (3,000 characters/one ½ page maximum)  Identify potential state, county or local policies, laws, regulations, or programs that may be informed by the research findings. Identify and list who is responsible for related policies, regulations, law, ordinances, or guidelines. Outline specific public sector actions that might be affected by the research and stakeholders with an interest in the project’s results.  Enter Text Here |
| 1. ***Letter of Support*** (one page attachment)   The faculty advisor is required to submit a signed letter of support for the student and the student’s research. This should include a statement regarding the feasibility of the research design. |