



SEED GRANT PROGRAM 2012

Aim:

To support innovative Manitoba school-based projects that promote ICT literacy, ManACE is proud to announce our seed grant program for 2011-2012. ManACE supports the efforts of K-12 educators by presenting the opportunity for you to initiate an educational project supported by technology or to strengthen an existing initiative by providing funding. Funding can be used toward the purchase of hardware, software, and/or professional development.



(Please see www.manace.ca for the application form.)

Overview:

To apply for this grant, submit a digital presentation (it could be in any form such as: a photostory, a website, a blog, a wiki, a booklet, a digital audio recording, etc.) along with the written or online grant application.

ManACE will fund up to **two grants of \$1,200.00 each to each of three levels:** K-4, 5-8, and 9-12 if there are sufficient acceptable entries. These grants will fund innovative projects created by Manitoba classes who present the best ideas as determined by our judging panel. Please review the judging criteria carefully and consider it when making your application.

Intake Opportunities:

There are two intake periods you can apply for: **February 29, 2012** and **April 3, 2012**. Your class can apply for either intake period or for both. Up to three \$1,200.00 grants will be funded at each intake period for each level, for a total of \$7,200. Decisions will follow in approximately three weeks after the intake deadlines.

How can you get started?

1. Discuss and brainstorm some ideas with your students and/or colleagues.
2. Refer to the Manitoba Literacy with ICT continuum documents at:
<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/tech/lict/>
3. Come up with a compelling argument about why your project should be chosen and funded (please see evaluation criteria), and include your students by creating a digital presentation in a format of your choice to pitch your idea.
4. Complete the application form. Please ensure that you postmark or submit your application online by the intake deadlines.

* ManACE reserves the right to showcase submitted projects that receive funding. Should your project be chosen, a condition of funding includes obtaining copies of publication waivers for any students who appear in the digital presentation created for the application. A sample publication waiver is provided on the side opposite of this page, but your school division may have a standard form.

What type of projects would be eligible?

Any project where you are proposing spending money that will benefit your school community that involves technology. We are looking to fund projects that are both innovative and unique, as well as ones that will make a significant difference in your school community and/or classroom. Projects that will result in long-term benefits are encouraged.

SAMPLE WAIVER/RELEASE FORM:

I, _____ parent/guardian of _____
give permission for my child to participate in our
classroom's involvement with the ManACE Seed Grant
project. Participation in the project involves
_____ (examples:
*audio recording, photographs, video, submitting
written work, etc.*)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Entries will be evaluated for funding on the basis of:

Project (75%)

- Impact on local school community
- Strategies for sharing results of projects with colleagues
- ICT Literacy including any other links to Manitoba curriculum
- Budget
- Process - outline/description of project

Presentation (25%)

- Creativity/Originality
- Copyright free images, clips, sound and music
- Clear idea of the project communicated
- Compelling promotion of the project
(demonstrates need, appropriateness, feasibility, etc.)

Presentations must use only copyright-free images, audio & video clips. Selecting grants to be funded will be done by a panel established by ManACE for the specific purpose of selecting winning entries.

Deadlines:

First intake deadline: February 29, 2012

Second intake deadline: April 3, 2012

Decisions will follow within three weeks of intake dates.

If you have any questions, please email:
grants@manace.ca

You can apply online at www.manace.ca OR:

Please mail your application and presentation(s) to:

ManACE Grant Application
c/o Andy McKiel
Professional Staff Development Centre
150 Moray Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Please ensure that you include both the **completed application form** as well as your **classroom presentation(s)** designed to convince the panel your project should be funded.

