

# Kansas

## Innovative Technology Grant



**Kansas Board of Regents  
Career & Technical Education**

# The Kansas Board of Regents Career and Technical Education

*An Invitation To Develop Innovative Courses/Programs*

**Announces an Opportunity for Technical  
Colleges and Community Colleges to Apply for**

## K.S.A. 72-4467 INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY GRANT FUNDS

<p><b>Purpose of Program:</b></p> <p>To provide start-up support for innovative technical courses or programs in emerging technologies, manufacturing or areas of skill shortages.</p> <p><b>Examples of Emerging Technologies:</b></p> <p>Bioscience, pneumatics, hydraulics, GPS/GIS technology, bioinformatics, microelectronic, nanotechnology, laser, nuclear, chemical, holography, and other new emerging technologies being used to enhance productivity in business, manufacturing, communication, transportation, agriculture, mining, healthcare, energy or other areas.</p> <p><b>Eligible Applicants:</b></p> <p>Eligible Kansas public postsecondary institutions include area technical schools, technical colleges and community colleges.</p> <p><b>Conditions for Participation:</b></p> <p>1. The business/industry partner(s) must provide financial or in-kind support, or any combination thereof, to the institution equaling 100 percent of the amount of the grant requested.</p>	<p>2. The technical course/program must be new to Kansas, or, if an equivalent course/program is already in existence in Kansas, the new course/program is not offered at a site <b>within 100 miles</b> of a site at which the existing, equivalent course/program is offered.</p> <p>3. The technical course/program must relate to a business/industry located in the service area of the postsecondary educational institution.</p> <p>4. The technical course/program must relate to emerging technologies, manufacturing or areas of skill shortages. KBOR staff will determine if an area has a skill shortage by utilizing current and projected workforce data from the Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, or other sources.</p> <p>5. Institutions that receive K.S.A. 72-4467 Innovative Technology funds shall send a representative to a KBOR designated state conference to make a presentation about the Innovative Technology course/program.</p> <p>6. Upon completion of the project, each applicant shall submit all required reports and forms addressing the outcomes stated within the application.</p>	<p><b>Guidelines for Application:</b></p> <p><i>Each applicant must submit a completed electronic application.</i></p> <p>1. The application must include the following: the Innovative Technology Grant Application, Implementation Strategy and Timetable, Course/Program Objectives, Budget, Commitment and Assurance forms along with applicable signatures of the participating business/industry representative and the institution's president/director.</p> <p>2. The application must explain how the course/program will be innovative in addressing emerging technologies, manufacturing, or areas of skill shortages.</p> <p>3. <b>A letter from the business/industry partner(s) validating financial or in-kind support must arrive at the KBOR office on or before the due date of the electronic application.</b></p> <p><b>Examples of Matching Support:</b></p> <p>Matching and in-kind donations may include the following: instructional equipment (new or used), company representative to teach in the classroom (train the trainer), company inservice on operating new technology equipment, cash toward the program or project,</p>
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software, manuals, etc. Matching by business/industry should be other than a company who may sell technology equipment and/or services to the institution.

### **Allowable Expenditures from Grant Funds:**

Allowable expenditures include instructional services, equipment, supplies and materials, curriculum development, vendor training, video tapes, consultants and other related costs pre-approved by KBOR staff.

### **Transfer and Expenditure of Funds:**

Upon approval of the application, the institution may request 80 percent of the technology funds from KBOR Finance and Administration 30 days prior to implementation of grant activities. The remaining 20 percent of the award may be requested upon submittal of all completed KBOR final reports.

*Funds must be expended within the fiscal year in which the grant was awarded.*

### **Reporting Requirements:**

Final project reports must include a narrative report addressing the outcomes of the grant project and final expenditure report. The reports must be received at the KBOR office before final payment will be made to the institution.

*The final expenditure report is due no later than 15 days after completion of all grant activities.*

### **Final Narrative Report:**

Please address the following:

1. The impact of the new innovative technical course/program implemented and how it relates to the educational needs of students and local, regional or state workforce demands in this emerging industry.
2. Describe/list the outcomes from this education/industry partnership.
3. Describe how the results of this project meets the definition of emerging technology.
4. The institution and business/industry partner(s) must identify to what extent the project fulfilled each of the expected outcomes anticipated on the application form.

### **Electronic Application and Other Information:**

An electronic application with information regarding program and application requirements for the grant is available to institutional personnel at the KBOR website:  
[www.kansasregents.org/adult\\_ed/career.html](http://www.kansasregents.org/adult_ed/career.html)

### **Application Timeframe:**

Institutions will be notified annually of application due dates.

The project year runs from July 1 - June 30.

Official award notification will be mailed to the president/director of the postsecondary educational institution.

### **Allocation of Grant Funds:**

Each year the KBOR President/CEO, or designee, will determine the amount of funds available for grants.

Funding will be contingent upon legislative appropriations. The allocation of funds shall also be contingent upon past performance.

**KBOR reserves the right to limit the number of Innovative Technology Grants awarded to each institution.**

### **Priority:**

Priority will be given to applications from institutions that have not previously requested start-up support for innovative technical courses or programs in emerging technologies, manufacturing or areas of skill shortages.

### **Supplementary Information:**

The KBOR review team will use the REVIEW SHEET, which shows the specific selection criteria, for evaluating applications.

This review sheet can be found on the Kansas Board of Regents website:  
[http://www.kansasregents.org/adult\\_ed/career.html](http://www.kansasregents.org/adult_ed/career.html)

**Please note that this application may be duplicated and distributed to other interested parties.**

K.S.A. 72-4466  
Chapter 72.—SCHOOLS  
Article 44.—VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

**72-4466. Definitions.** As used in this act:

- (a) “Area vocational school”, “area vocational-technical school”, and “community college” have the meanings respectively ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 72-4412, and amendments thereto.
- (b) “Vocational education institution” means any area vocational school, area vocational-technical school or community college.
- (c) “Board” means the state board of regents.
- (d) “Program” means Kansas technology innovation and internship program.

**History:** L. 1991, ch. 216, § 1; L. 1999, ch. 147, § 112; July 1.

K.S.A. 72-4467  
Chapter 72.—SCHOOLS  
Article 44.—VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

**72-4467. Establishment; administration; purposes; grants, award and conditions; rules and regulations.**

(a) There is hereby established the Kansas technology innovation and internship program to be administered by the board. The purposes of the program is to provide grants to vocational education institutions for:

- (1) Start-up support for innovative technical courses or programs in emerging technologies, manufacturing or areas of skill shortages; or
- (2) Internships to enable faculty of the vocational education institutions to work in an industrial setting or to enable industrial employees to work in an educational setting at such vocational education institutions.

(b) Grants awarded under the provisions of this act shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Private business must provide financial or in-kind support, or any combination thereof, to the vocational educational institutions equaling 100% of the amount of the grant; and
- (2) The technical course or program must be new to Kansas, or, if an equivalent course or program is already in existence in Kansas, the new course or program is not offered at a site within 100 miles of a site at which the existing, equivalent course or program is offered; and
- (3) The technical course or program must relate to a business or industry located in the service area of the vocational educational institution.

(c) Subject to the provisions of appropriations acts and in accordance with the provisions of this act, the board may provide grants to vocational educational institutions for the purposes provided for in this act.

(d) The board shall adopt rules and regulations for the administration of the program, including the establishment of grant eligibility criteria.

**History:** L. 1991, ch. 216, § 2; July 1.