

## Minnesota Dual Training Grant Resource Frequently Asked Technical Questions

Each week, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education will post responses to frequently asked technical questions online here: <https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2196>. Technical questions must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. central time, on April 1, 2022. This is in addition to the comprehensive frequently asked questions online here: <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/sPages/faq.cfm>.

### March 8<sup>th</sup> - March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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#### **1. Are internship stipends reimbursable through the Dual Training Grant?**

NO. Allowable grant expenditures are limited to training provider costs directly required by training providers: tuition, fees, required books, and required materials. See the “Expenditures” section of the current Request for Application for details.

#### **2. Can our application include both a dual trainee who will be *continuing* their dual-training program and a dual trainee who be *starting* their dual-training program?**

YES. One application can be submitted which includes both continuing and new dual trainees. Please note, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education prioritizes awards to previous grantees with continuing dual-trainee populations. Depending upon the application score, an applicant may be awarded grant funds for continuing dual-trainees and not new dual trainees.

#### **3. For Application Document A Dual-Training Program Outline and Application Document B Training Provider Selection, do we answer the questions directly on the templates, or use the documents as resources to write formal letters?**

Applicants must directly use both documents. The documents are designed, so applicants can easily insert responses. Do not create a new document. Standardized application documents are important for facilitating a fair and equitable review committee process.

#### **4. Does an employee need to be employed full-time to be an eligible dual trainee?**

NO. A dual trainee may be employed full-time or part-time by the grantee or grantee employer partner. The Minnesota Office of Higher Education does not require a minimum number of employed hours. However, the dual trainee must be employed while earning regular wages for adequate hours to meet the intent and purpose of a dual-training model.

#### **5. Is the Training Agreement document available now?**

NO. The Training Agreement will be provided to grantees upon award. Information in the Request for Application about the agreement being available online is inaccurate. The Training

Agreement is not due during the application period. The Training Agreement is due prior to executing a grant contract with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

**6. How do we address the cost of related instruction when a program with one training provider may be expensive and a program with another training provider may be affordable?**

See the “Selection Criteria and Weight” sections of the current Request for Application for details. For Criterion 4, you will explain means in which related instruction costs are minimized for dual trainees. Related instruction costs may be minimized by contributions from employer, financial aid, or other resources. If a program has high related instruction costs, use this section as an opportunity to explain the purpose and need for the program.

### **March 15<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

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### **March 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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### **March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

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