Minnesota State University, Mankato

Minnesota State University, Mankato is a comprehensive public Masters Large institution located approximately 85 miles southwest of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

- The University serves more than 15,000 students, including more than 750 international students from approximately 80 countries.
- The University provides more than 130 undergraduate programs of study, including 13 pre-professional, 46 undergraduate and graduate certificate, one associate and 134 bachelor’s degree programs; and more than 70 graduate programs including master’s, specialist and doctoral programs.
- The University’s programs are offered through six academic colleges: Allied Health and Nursing; Arts and Humanities; Business; Education; Science, Engineering and Technology; and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The Purpose

Provide an opportunity and seed funding for innovative ideas to emerge from the campus community in support of the Institution’s strategic priorities.

The Process

The Strategic Priority Funding process that exists at Minnesota State University, Mankato today has roots extending back to pre-2004 as an innovation fund.

- Pre 2004 – An Innovation Fund
- 2004 – Strategic Priority Funding – Administrative
- 2006 – Strategic Priority Funding – Administrative/Planning Sub-Meet
- 2011 – Strategic Priority Funding – Joint Open Process

The process has primarily changed in ways that reflect greater shared governance, transparency, and assessment of results.

The Results

During the past six years, 53 Strategic Priority Funding proposals have been awarded funds. Funded proposals have represented every division of the institution over the life-span of two University Strategic Plans.

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