*In 2027, the Nuckolls Fund for Lighting Education intends to award three grants: the **Nuckolls Fund Grant**, which has been given annually since 1989 for programs at the college level; the **Edison Price Fellowship Grant**, which is given to individual educators to enable them to further their own education; and the **Lesley Wheel Introductory Lighting Program Grant,** for new lighting courses. Please see separate Requests For Proposal for the Edison Price Fellowship Grant and the Lesley Wheel Introductory Lighting Program Grant. **Proposals are accepted only from educators at academic institutions in North America.***

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: The 2027 Nuckolls Fund $30,000 Grant

The Nuckolls Fund for Lighting Education is a not-for-profit organization that uses income from its endowment to fund educational programs in the field of lighting. It was established to honor James L. Nuckolls, a pioneer in lighting education programs during the 1970s and 1980s.

The Nuckolls Fund invites you to submit a proposal for a project to develop and deliver an innovative new or expanded lighting course at your institution. The maximum grant is $30,000 and the maximum grant period is two years. The Fund reserves the right to award this grant in an amount less than $30,000. The course must be prepared, given, and evaluated during the grant period.

In preparing your proposal you should carefully consider and address the following:

- The proposal is for the expansion of an existing lighting program. The submitting institution must currently offer at least one course dedicated to lighting. This grant is not intended for initiating lighting instruction at schools where no such course exists or in funding "once-only" projects that will not continue beyond the grant period.
- The proposal must document how the lighting course will enhance the existing lighting instruction.
- It is suggested that you seek endorsement of and assistance for your institution's lighting education program from the nearest Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) section, from practicing lighting professionals in the International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) and/or from the Designers Lighting Forum (DLF), and from local lighting companies whenever available.
- Although lighting instruction is generally housed in one academic discipline, lighting itself is multidisciplinary. Thus, proposals that involve faculty and students from more than one discipline are encouraged.
- Endorsement of your proposal by at least two academic officials (chair, director, dean, and so forth) of the institution is required. Such endorsement should indicate how the proposed activity will be integrated into existing programs and continued after the grant period ends.

The Fund does not permit monies to be used for research, lighting laboratories, or student scholarships. Equipment essential to the proposal may be purchased, with a limit of $7,500. Private sector funding and internal matching for equipment costs is encouraged. Please note that the Nuckolls Fund grants may not be allocated to institutional indirect costs (overhead). Benefit costs are allowable.

Required Submission Information – The 2027 Nuckolls Fund $30,000 Grant

The following is required for submission:

- Proposals must be submitted electronically in either Microsoft Word or PDF format.
- All material submitted must be consolidated into one document that totals a maximum of 25 pages. This includes the proposal itself, supporting letters, resumes or CV's, and illustrations, if any.
- Resumes or CV's must be no more than one page each.
- Please keep the total document under 1 mb in size.
- Photos and illustrations should be jpeg format only.
- E-mail to: jeanne@nuckollsfund.org

Proposals must be organized as follows:

1. **Title page, listing:**
   - The title of the grant proposal
   - The name of the person submitting the application and his/her position
   - Name of the college or school and name of the department or division
   - Mailing address, phone and fax number
   - Name of the program to which the grant will be applied
   - Number of years the program has existed and number of years the program has included one or more full courses in lighting
2. **Table of Contents page**
3. **A one paragraph abstract** of the proposed project
4. **Background information** that puts the project into context, including a description of the department (division) and the program.
5. **Substantive description of the project for which funding is sought.** Describe why the project is needed, how it will fit with the existing program, what its impact will be on lighting education, what makes it of special importance, and how it will be continued after the grant period.
6. **A detailed budget** showing how the funds will be allocated to accomplish the various tasks in the proposed project. If supplementary funding from another source is needed, include documentation showing that source's commitment to provide funds. Any financial support by the institution should be shown.
7. **A schedule for accomplishing the tasks.** Include dates and describe major milestones. Three progress reports and a final report are required. Grant funds will be paid in installments upon the Fund's acceptance of each progress report.
8. **At least two letters of support** from deans and/or department chairs.
9. **Resumes or CV's** for those administering the grant (maximum of one page each).

Optional Submission Material

You may include letters of support from practicing lighting professionals who can provide insight into the need for the project and the qualifications of those who will carry it out.

Other Information

Proposals due	January 11, 2027. Receipt of submissions will be acknowledged via email.
Send to	jeanne@nuckollsfund.org
Grant announced	No later than March 1, 2027.
Public Announcement	No later than March 31, 2027
Notification	All those who submit proposals will be notified of the recipient(s). Submissions will not be returned.
Agreement	The Fund requires grant recipients to sign a performance agreement and to submit status reports. Published results of grants funded by the Nuckolls Fund enter the public domain. Grant awards do not imply any form of endorsement by the Nuckolls Fund.
Progress Reports	The Fund requires grant recipients to commit to visually documenting in images or video, the development and outcomes of their project. Physical products, presentations, examples of groupwork and trips should be recorded and submitted with regular progress reports and at the conclusion of the project with the final report.
Fee	There is no fee for submission and no limit to the number of submissions.
Restrictions	No portion of the funds awarded may be used for indirect costs (overhead). Benefits are allowable.

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