

## So you're thinking about applying for an MIS Foundation grant . . .

We are so glad! And we are happy to provide you with some guidance that may inspire you and help you to construct a proposal that is more likely to be successful.

### (Hopefully!) Helpful Tips and Guidelines

We are particularly keen to support projects that include some of the following characteristics:

**Student Leadership** -- Is it possible that a talented student or young person could play a leadership role in planning and executing the project? We like to support projects that empower students to lead and to take action. Naturally, a young person will likely require the support of a knowledgeable and committed adult mentor, but we are confident that many of our young people are ready to take on authentic leadership.

**Partnerships with the Community** -- The MIS Foundation is committed to benefitting the wider community, and we particularly like projects that benefit BOTH MIS students and community members AND young people in the local and regional community. Also, guest artists and experts who come from the local community may be more likely to engage in long-term interaction with our School, our community and our students.

**Engagement and Action** -- MIS is committed to providing educational experiences that challenge students to create, to engage and to take action. Similarly the MIS Foundation favors proposals that promise to get young people DOING things. We like proposals that include a workshop or student-action element and that ask students to apply their learning and creativity to create or do something.

**Planning and Preparation** -- We know from experience that successful projects were carefully planned and thoroughly prepared even before the submission of the proposal. Thorough, detailed and well-planned proposals instill confidence in us that the champion of the project has thought carefully about the target audience, the intended impact, and all of the important logistics.

**Relatability** -- The best projects are highly relatable for the target audience. That means that the interests and experiences of the target audience have been considered in the planning of the proposal. What kinds of topics are relevant and meaningful to students? How can the proposed project appeal to their natural curiosity and to their real-world concerns and interests?

**Your Enthusiasm** -- We want to see your enthusiasm come through in the written and verbal presentation of your proposal. If you are excited about the project, then it is more likely that your target audience will be, too. Be sure to communicate why you are convinced that this project will be stimulating, engaging and meaningful for your target audience. Let us know why this project excites you!

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Proposal Forms are available here <https://www.mis-munich.de/Staff-Faculty-Resources>

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