

NYSSMA® ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS



Dear NYSSMA® members,

We are excited to announce that NYSSMA will sponsor three action-research projects for expenses up to \$700 (each). These grants are intended to encourage New York State researchers and practitioners to work together on collaborative research projects conducted by teachers in their own classrooms. Projects should explore questions of interest to the teacher and of value to others in similar circumstances.

Evaluation Criteria

- Completeness of proposal
- Value of the proposed research to the broader profession
- Ability of the recipients to complete work by the deadline

Details

No later than July 1, 2024, submit a proposal to Mara E. Culp, NYSSMA® Research Chair, at mculp@esm.rochester.edu. The proposal should include:

1. A description of the project (approximately 500 words).
2. A reference list of related literature.
3. A timeline for completion that concludes no later than June 2025.
4. A budget for up to \$700 with details of how funds will be spent (may include equipment, meals, travel, and other related expenses).
5. A team consisting of a university researcher(s) and a school music educator (projects including more than one educator are encouraged).

Teams that receive funding will be expected to:

1. Complete projects by June 2025.
2. Submit receipts by November 2025
3. Provide a written report of their findings by November 2025.
4. Present in December 2025 at the Winter NYSSMA® Conference as a part of the Action Research Forum
5. Publish the findings in *School Music NEWS* in 2026

For questions, please contact Mara E. Culp, NYSSMA® Research Chair, at mculp@esm.rochester.edu