FIRST Robotics Team Grants

Bayer Fund supports FIRST Robotics teams in communities where Bayer employees live and work to inspire and nurture students' interest in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Eligible communities are listed on the FIRST Robotics grant program webpage. The application period begins July 1 and closes July 31 at 11:59:59pm Central Time (CT).

Eligibility

What types of teams are eligible to apply for FIRST Robotics grants from Bayer Fund?
- School Districts or Organizations who hold a 501©3 tax exempt status and have been operating as a 501©3 for a minimum of two years
- School Districts or Organizations who are units of government under Section 170©(1), such as public schools, libraries, villages and municipalities
- Organizations must be located within about 55 miles of one of the eligible site communities (list available by selecting "Request a Code" in the "How do I get started" box above).

What types of teams will be considered for funding?
- FRC Teams
- FTC Teams

What types of requests are not eligible for FIRST Robotics grants?
- Teams that are not yet registered through FIRST as an official team.

Are School Districts or Organizations limited to the number of applications they can submit?
- No, but there is a limit to the number of winning applications per school. We will award up to three grants per school or organization.

Process & Timeline

What is the process for applying to Bayer Fund?
- FIRST Robotics applications are accepted on an invitation only basis. To apply, applicants must obtain the invitation link from the Bayer site contact in the team's local community. All eligible teams must be located within approximately 55 miles of a Bayer eligible site community. If you do not have a contact at the Bayer site, you may submit a summary of your team and select your eligible site community through the link on the Contact Us page of this website. The Bayer site contact will get back to you with a response if they are interested in inviting your team to apply.

What is the deadline for grant applications?
- Applications are accepted once per year. Grant seekers can apply **July 1-July 31**. Access to the online grant application will close at **11:59:59pm CT on July 31**. No grant applications will be accepted after the window has closed.

How do I apply?

- Once you have the invitation link from a Bayer representative, log into the portal to begin the application.

When and how will we be notified if we will be receiving a grant?
- Grant decisions will be communicated by email by September 1.

If we are not selected, will Bayer Fund provide feedback on our application?
- Due to the high volume of applications received and the Bayer Fund's small staff, we are unable to provide feedback on individual applications.

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Program Information

All teams must be registered with FIRST. How do I become a registered FIRST team?
- To register a FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team, grades 9-12, click here
- To register a FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team, grades 7-12, click here
- To learn more about team registration and frequently asked questions, click here

What types of requests will Bayer Fund NOT fund?
- Activities that directly support Bayer marketing programs
- Projects in which Bayer or Bayer Fund has a financial interest or could derive a financial benefit through cash or rights to intellectual property
- Organizations that discriminate based on race, creed, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age or national origin.

What is the maximum grant size we can apply for?
- A FRC Team can apply for a $3,000 grant
- A FTC Team can apply for a $1,000 grant

If our team receives a grant, how will payments be made?
- All grant funds will be provided directly to FIRST and applied to the appropriate team account.

Can we apply for a multi-year grant?
- No, these are one-year grant commitments.

Must the team we are applying with be a rookie team or can it be a veteran team?
- You can apply as either a rookie team OR a veteran team.

If our team does not have a Bayer employee as a mentor, are we still eligible to apply?
- Yes. Teams are encouraged to have Bayer employees involved, but this is not a requirement.