



Lam Research Foundation Funding guidelines for applicants

Powering Breakthroughs Together

A key Lam Research guiding principle is to 'Act with Purpose for a Better World,' and it is from this global mission that we set forth our social impact program vision. By empowering our communities to collectively reimagine tomorrow, we are powering breakthroughs together.

Pillars for Foundation giving

The Lam Foundation invests in programs that align with Lam's vision to drive advancement across our three pillars – **Transformative Learning, Resilient Communities, and Inclusive Societies** – and that are offered by organizations that can demonstrate impact in Lam communities.

Transformative Learning

Lam invests in programs that prepare the next generation of technical talent for careers in semiconductors, manufacturing, engineering, and the advanced technology workforce. We focus on **hands-on STEM learning experiences** that build real skills — **from sixth grade and above through workforce entry** — with emphasis on programs that connect students to the tools, thinking, and problem-solving demands of modern technology industries.

Eligible programs include:

- **Applied STEM education** that builds engineering, computing, or technical problem-solving skills through project-based, hands-on learning — particularly programs using robotics, simulation, or real-world design challenges for students in grades 6 and above
- **AI, software engineering, and computer science workforce readiness** programs that prepare students or career-changers for technical roles in the advanced technology sector — with emphasis on the skill areas where industry demand is highest
- **Educator development** that strengthens the quality and reach of STEM instruction, including teacher training in emerging technologies, AI literacy, and industry-relevant curriculum design
- **Completion support for technical students** enrolled in community college or vocational STEM pathways — including services that remove non-academic barriers to graduation such as childcare, transportation, and emergency financial assistance, particularly where these barriers are identified in Lam's operating communities

Resilient Communities

Lam invests in programs that protect and restore the natural environment and strengthen community preparedness for disasters. We focus on **environmental sustainability initiatives** — particularly those connected to the resource demands of industrial growth — and on building long-term capacity for communities to **prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters and crises**.

Eligible programs include:

- **Environmental sustainability programs** that reduce resource consumption, improve water and energy systems, restore natural habitats, or advance climate resilience — with preference for initiatives connected to the environmental impact of industrial activity in Lam operating communities
- **Disaster preparedness programs** that build long-term community capacity to prevent, prepare for, and recover from natural disasters and crises — with preference for programs that create reusable infrastructure and community resilience rather than one-time relief

Reactive emergency giving is **not** eligible through the Lam Foundation grant application. While emergency response is an important part of our Resilient Communities pillar, those efforts are supported through a separate Lam Foundation initiative.

Inclusive Societies

Lam invests in programs that expand access to basic needs and economic opportunity for people in Lam operating areas. We focus on removing the practical barriers that prevent individuals and families from building stable, self-sufficient lives — with emphasis on **food security, shelter and housing support, and workforce readiness programs** in underserved communities.

Eligible programs include:

- **Food security programs** that increase community access to nutritious food — including food banks, meal distribution, food recovery, and programs addressing food insecurity among children and families in Lam operating regions
- **Housing and shelter programs** that provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, housing navigation, case management, and move-in support to help individuals and families regain stability — with preference for programs that combine shelter with wraparound services leading to permanent housing
- **Workforce readiness** programs that provide job readiness training, career pathways, financial coaching, or supportive services that help individuals enter or re-enter the workforce — with preference for programs serving populations underrepresented in the technology sector in Lam operating communities

Guidelines for Lam Foundation grants

While not exhaustive, general guidelines include:

- Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) public charity as determined by the IRS, or the equivalent under the laws of the country in which they operate
- Foundation grants are typically directed to specific programs, but can also be allocated to general program support
- Programs must operate within 100 miles of a Lam location. Lam locations are listed on our [locations page](#)
- The Foundation does not consider event, school, or team sponsorship requests, because neither the Foundation nor Lam employees may receive sponsorship-related benefits of monetary value for donations we make
- All grantees are expected to complete two brief impact reports: one at 6 months and one at 12 months after funding is awarded
- Our Foundation partner, Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), may also request a program budget and/or program results for grants we make, so recipient organizations should be prepared to respond as needed
- The Foundation cannot fulfill pledges, agreements, memorandums of understanding (MOUs), or contracts made in advance of a grant request
- Grants are awarded for a one-year term, unless otherwise stated in your grant agreement

Activities and/or organizations ineligible for foundation support include (but are not limited to):

- Programs that do not align with one of our three pillars outlined above
- Political parties including political candidates, campaigns, lobbying and related activities
- Religious organizations unless there is a charitable extension that specifically provides programs/services for the public in need
- Private foundations
- Membership-based organizations such as labor organizations, fraternal organizations, or social clubs
- Fundraising events, including galas, walk-a-thons, runs, and tournaments
- Capital campaigns, if not supporting a specific program
- Endowments
- Deficit reduction or debt retirement
- Individuals
- Student competition teams

2027 funding cycles

The Lam Foundation operates two open-call funding cycles per year. To apply, programs must meet the eligibility requirements outlined above. The 2027 funding cycles are as follows*:

Cycle 1

- Application opens: October 1, 2026 at 12:00 a.m. PT
- Application deadline: November 15, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. PT
- Lam internal review period: November 16–December 31, 2026
- Notifications by January 31, 2027

Cycle 2

- Application opens: March 1, 2027 at 12:00 a.m. PT
- Application deadline: April 15, 2027 at 11:59 p.m. PT
- Lam internal review period: April 16–May 30, 2027
- Notifications by June 30, 2027

*Funding cycles are subject to change.

Application guidance

Due to the volume of requests received, the Lam Foundation team may not be able to meet with applicants or provide feedback on proposals before submission. Please review the following guidance before completing your application:

- Grant awards typically range from \$10,000 to \$250,000, depending on the scope and scale of the program. Smaller, single-location programs generally receive funding at the lower end of the range, while larger programs serving multiple Lam communities or returning grantees may be considered for higher funding levels
- If you are a first-time applicant, we recommend requesting no more than \$40,000. Applications are evaluated based on pillar alignment, program impact, and available funding. As a result, the funding awarded may be different from the amount requested
- Preference is given to programs serving the immediate communities in Lam operating locations
- Organizations may submit one application in a 12-month period, unless otherwise approved by the Foundation team
- Current grantees are not eligible to apply for additional funding until their existing grant has been concluded, and all required reporting obligations have been completed, unless otherwise approved by the Foundation team

Please contact our Lam Foundation grants team at foundationgrants@lamresearch.com for any additional questions you may have.