

2025 Pulse Checks Edition

Bold ideas for the future of learning



MOONSHOT



GRANTS

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SHOOT FOR THE MOON

A “moonshot” is a massive effort to achieve a boldly ambitious goal. Inherently risky and without any guarantee of success, moonshots have the potential to turn a few small steps into a giant leap forward.

Launched in 2021, Remake Learning’s Moonshot Grants invite applicants to envision a preferred future of learning and imagine what small steps they could take today toward that giant leap in the future.

Remake Learning has catalyzed more than 100 Moonshot projects, totaling more than \$4.5 million invested in bold ideas that have the potential to shape the future of teaching and learning in the greater Pittsburgh region of southwestern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia.

Across the region, grantees have challenged traditional notions of professional development, explored personalized learning, eliminated traditional letter grades, experimented with multigenerational learning, and much more.

Assemble a diverse team ready to go to new places together.

Identify your strengths and opportunities. What sets you apart? What’s unique about your context?

Imagine your preferred future of learning. What do you want learning to look like in 10-20 years?

Describe the attributes. What are the key features that make your preferred future of learning distinct?

Connect present to future. What small changes today could cause big shifts tomorrow?

Generate an idea, something that’s never been tried before, that could bring your preferred future of learning one step closer.

Inspired by the original moonshot effort to carry humans to the Moon, Moonshot Grants ask you to dream big, take risks, and team up with unlikely partners to make the impossible possible.

In 2025, Remake Learning’s Moonshot Grants return with \$1 million of funding to distribute—our largest Moonshot opportunity to date!



THE OPPORTUNITY

CATALYZING PULSE CHECK PRIORITIES

This year, the Moonshot Grant opportunity will focus on igniting region-wide transformations inspired by the priorities of [Remake Learning's Pulse Checks](#).

	Outdoor Learning	Artificial Intelligence
Positioning Learners as Leaders	Help youth see themselves as leaders in the outdoors and environmental fields.	Connect youth with employers, mentors, and experiences to build ethical and creative skills.
Sparking Learner Engagement	Create experiences that inspire curiosity and creativity across classrooms and the outdoors.	Use AI tools to spark creative pursuits that push youth to imagine, design, and experiment.
Connecting Partners	Build partnerships between schools and out-of-school providers to support implementation of the new STEELS Standards.	Leverage AI tools to help educators and youth to co-learn and co-create in ways they might not without AI.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

GRANTS OF UP TO \$50,000 ARE AVAILABLE.

The application process will ask you to propose how you would test your idea at different funding amounts.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

SUCCESSFUL MOONSHOT GRANT PROPOSALS WILL:

Catalyze new efforts: Moonshot projects represent fresh attempts to shape the future of learning

Prioritize boldness: Moonshot projects set ambitious goals that push the limits of what is possible

Incorporate collaboration: Moonshot projects are built upon cross-sector collaboration

Promote equitable opportunities: Remake Learning prioritizes learners of color, learners in poverty, learners in rural areas, learners with disabilities, and girls in STEM

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants will complete a Letter of Intent (LOI) template that includes prompts to select a priority area inspired by Remake Learning's Pulse Checks, briefly describe their Moonshot idea, outline their preferred future of learning, and explain how they propose to use the grant funding.

Following a review of all LOIs received, Remake Learning will invite selected applicants to submit full proposals.

Funding decisions will be made following a review of all eligible proposals received by the deadline.

FAQ

Would you fund the creation of a new program?

No, Moonshot Grants fund the testing of bold new ideas through experimentation, not the establishment of programs.

What if my idea is not new in itself, but would be new to my organization? Moonshot Grants fund truly novel ideas, not new applications or instances of existing ideas.

Can my organization submit more than one proposal? No, organizations should pick one idea and give it their best shot.

Will you fund a multi-year project? No, Moonshot projects must be completed within one year.

Can current Moonshot Grantees apply for the Pulse Check Moonshot Grants? Yes, as long as your current Moonshot Grant is in good standing.

Learn more and apply at remakelearning.org/moonshot

TIMELINE

September 26
LOI submission period opens

October 31
LOIs due

December 15
Full proposals invited

January 30, 2026
Full proposals due

February 28
Grantees selected and applicants notified

February 28–
January 31, 2027
Grant implementation

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Moonshot Grant:

The person leading the project must be a registered member of the Remake Learning network. Visit remakelearning.org/join to register.

The organization receiving the grant must be a 501(c)3 organization, school, university, or fiscally sponsored project. Other entities may be included in the project, but the organization receiving the grant must be one of the entities listed above.

The project activities must be based in one of the following counties:

Pennsylvania: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, Westmoreland

West Virginia: Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Wetzel

Remake Learning Moonshot Grants challenge educators to envision a preferred future of learning and imagine what small steps they can take today to catalyze movement toward giant leaps for the future of learning.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

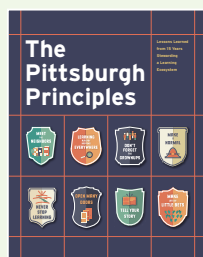
You may wish to explore these publications prior to beginning an application.



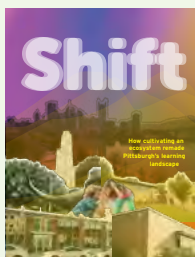
Futures to Forge: Findings from the 2024 Forge Futures summit



Moonshot: A guide to bold & experimental thinking in education



The Pittsburgh Principles: Lessons Learned from 15 years of stewarding a learning ecosystem



Shift: How cultivating an ecosystem remade Pittsburgh's learning landscape

ABOUT REMAKE LEARNING

Remake Learning sparks engaging, relevant, and equitable opportunities to enrich Pittsburgh's learning ecosystem. Founded in 2007, Remake Learning stewards a network of more than 1,200 educators and innovators working together in support of young people navigating rapid social and technological change. Learn more at remakelearning.org.

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