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2026 CALL FOR PROPOSALS (CFP) FOR THE YOUNG INNOVATORS PROGRAM (YIP) by the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD)

This call is open to **Grade 9 and Grade 11 students (AY 2026-2027)** from Mindanao, specifically Regions IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, and BARMM. The researchers may conduct their research projects for a maximum duration of one (1) year or a day before their expected moving-up or graduation ceremony, whichever comes first.

Proposals should be submitted to the DOST Project Management Information System version 2 (DPMIS ver.2) website: <https://dpmisv2.dost.gov.ph/> from April 1-30, 2026.

Further details may be accessed through the DPMIS and PCIEERD websites: <https://pcieerd.dost.gov.ph> where **schedule of activities have also been attached for reference and guidance.** For further clarifications, send your email to: planning@region12.dost.gov.ph

School Heads of secondary schools are advised to disseminate this information to interested teachers and students.

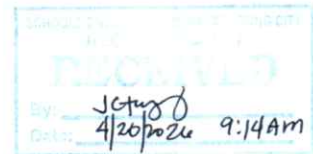
For information and guidance of all concerned.



14 April 2026

MR. GILDO G. MOSQUEDA

Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education XII - Tacurong City Division Office
National Highway, Poblacion, Tacurong City



Dear **SDS Mosqueda**:

The Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD), in coordination with DOST Regional Office XII (SOCCSKSARGEN), is pleased to announce its **2026 Call for Proposals (CFP) for the Young Innovators Program (YIP)**.

In this regard, may we request your kind support in **disseminating this call for proposals to all public and private secondary schools under your division**, and in encouraging the participation of eligible learners, particularly those in **Grade 9 and Grade 11 (AY 2026–2027)**, as well as their science teachers and research advisers.

This funding opportunity aims to engage junior and senior high school students in innovative research projects leading to quality papers, publications, products, or inventions. The program promotes independent research to develop future scientific talent and drive advancements in emerging research areas.

For this year, PCIEERD has allotted a budget of **Five Million Pesos (PHP 5,000,000.00)** to support ten (10) research projects, with a maximum grant of **PHP 500,000.00 per project**. Proposed projects must address pressing problems in the students' region, city, or locality, utilizing smart and Industry 4.0 technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), additive manufacturing, data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and robotics.

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The researchers may conduct their research projects for a maximum duration of one (1) year or a day before their expected moving-up or graduation ceremony, whichever comes first.

The top twenty (20) shortlisted proposals will participate in the YIP Ideathon, which will be conducted on-site in Davao City.

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We look forward to your continued support in strengthening research and innovation among learners in the region.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



SAMMY F. MALAWAN
Regional Director

Opportunity Summary

The **Young Innovators Program** is designed to assist students in acquiring research experience. Specifically, it aims to train emerging researchers to conduct independent research; provide financial support to promising young innovators with innovative research projects and aid the grantees in advancing research and disseminating findings to a YIP project.

Interested participants should submit proposals that **address pressing problems in the students' region, city, or locality, with solutions that apply smart technologies and Industry 4.0 technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), additive manufacturing, data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and robotics.**

This year's call is open for **Grade 9 and Grade 11 (AY 2026-2027)** students from schools in **Mindanao**, specifically, from the regions of: **Zamboanga Peninsula (Region IX), Northern Mindanao (Region X), Davao Region (Region XI), Soccsksargen (Region XII), Caraga (Region XIII)** and the **Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).**

The researchers may conduct their research projects for a **maximum duration of one (1) year or until the day before their expected moving-up or graduation ceremony, whichever comes earlier.**

The **top twenty (20) shortlisted proposals will advance to the YIP Ideathon, which will be conducted on-site in Davao City. From these, the top ten (10) research projects will be selected and awarded grants of up to PHP 500,000.00 each.**

Who can apply?

For the **faculty mentor / adviser**, applying on behalf of the students must:

- be a Filipino citizen,
- be a faculty from the same school / institution the students are enrolled in; and
- be knowledgeable on the research process and the proposed project / topic for study.

The **student/s** must meet the following requirements:

- be a Filipino citizen,
- be a full-time Grade 9 or Grade 11 by AY 2026-2027 student or part of a group consisting of up to **five (5)** Grade 9 or Grade 11 by AY 2026-2027,
- be enrolled at the school / institution for the duration of the project,
- be able to submit a proposal that addresses priority area of the call; and
- not a previous grantee of YIP.

What are we looking for?

Young and talented junior and senior high school students, who have an innovative, new, and creative research idea that addresses a problem they have observed in their locality with the application of technologies that are priority sectors mentioned above.

The research project must produce tangible and measurable output of the research activity whether through Publications, Intellectual Property Rights, Products and Processes, People Services, Places and Partnerships, Policies, and Public Engagement for S&T Projects.

How to apply?

All proposals using the prescribed format (DOST Form 2: R&D proposals) must be submitted in the e-Proposal portal at <http://dpmis.dost.gov.ph> from **April 1 - 30, 2026**. The closing date for the submission of full-blown proposals is **April 30, 2026, 5:00 P.M.**

A confirmation email will be sent once an application has been successfully received through the portal. Documentary requirements must also be uploaded to the portal.

A DOST-PCIEERD Project Manager will be assigned to each project proponent to provide guidance in the review/evaluation of the application/proposals. A notification will be issued to eligible entities whose applications/proposals have been evaluated and recommended for evaluation.

Content of e-Proposals

I. Proposal Format

Applicants shall follow the **DOST GIA Proposal Format for R&D (DOST Form 2)** which can be accomplished in the e-Proposal portal: <https://dpmisv2.dost.gov.ph/>.

1. Project Title – refers to the title of the research project. It is suggested that the title include the Program name, e.g., "*YIP: Development of an Automated Robotic Sorting and Robotic System*"
2. Project Leader – refers to the **faculty mentor** of the student/s implementors
3. Implementing Agency – refers to the **School / Institution** of the faculty mentor and the students
4. Cooperating Agency/ies (if any/applicable) – refers to possible agency/ies that will support the project by participating in its implementation as collaborator, co-grantor, committed adopter of resulting technology, or potential investor in technology development
5. Site/s of Implementation – location/s where the project will be conducted. Indicate the municipality, district, province, and region

6. Project Duration – specific date that the project will be undertaken (month/year) (*Note: the target start of YIP 2026 projects is **September 2026***)
7. Total Project Cost (DOST Form 4 – Project Line-Item-Budget) – reflects the necessary support needed for Personnel Services, Maintenance and Operations and Equipment (*Note: should not be greater than the maximum grant, which is **PHP 500,000.00***)
8. Funding Source – specific funding source, including counterpart funds
9. Project Description – formally written declaration of the project, its idea, and the context to explain the goals and objectives to be reached and other relevant information that explains the need for the project and aims to describe the amount of work planned for implementation; refers to a simple explanation or depiction of the project that can be used as communication material
10. Significance – refers to the alignment of national S&T priorities, strategic relevance to national development and sensitivity to Philippine political context, culture, tradition, and gender and development
11. Review of Literature – refers to the following:
 - a. Related research that has been conducted; state of the art or current technologies from which the project will take off;
 - b. Scientific/technical merit;
 - c. Results of related research conducted by same Project Leader, if any;
 - d. prior art search; and,
 - e. other relevant information
12. Objectives – statements of the general and specific purposes to address the problem areas of the project
13. Methodology – discuss the following:
 - a. Variables or parameters to be measured and evaluated or analyzed;
 - b. Treatments to be used and their layout;
 - c. Experimental procedures and design;
 - d. Statistical analysis;
 - e. Evaluation method and observations to be made; and,
 - f. strategies for implementation (conceptual/analytical framework)
14. Technology Roadmap (if applicable) – a visual document that communicates the plan for technology. It is a flexible planning technique to support strategic and long-range planning by matching short and long-term goals to specific technology solutions
15. Expected Output (7Ps) – deliverables of the project based on the 7Ps metrics (Publication, Patent/Intellectual Property Rights, Product, People Services, Place and Partnership, and Policy) and **if applicable**, defined as:
 - a. Publications – published aspect of the research, or the whole of it, in a scientific journal or conference proceeding for peer review,

or in a popular form. There should be definite identification of target publication (journal name, article title, authors), even at the proposal stage. At the monitoring stage, the % completion should be standardized. At project end, the acknowledgement by publisher of the article manuscript submission should be provided

- b. Policy – science-based policy crafted and adopted by the government or academe as a result of the study. The kind of policy issuance/s should be identified (RAs, DAO, MC, ordinances, as applicable) and should be written in a manner consistent with what these policies would look like. These should not be just white papers but should also be sent to target agencies/offices for consideration
- c. People Services – people or groups of people, who receive technical knowledge and training. At the end of the project, actual names of those involved should be indicated including degrees attained, written papers, etc.
- d. Partnerships – linkage forged because of the study. MOAs/MOUs and letters of support should be submitted as supporting evidence
- e. Patents/Intellectual Property – property invention of scientific process for potential future profit. At the end of the project, applications submitted to IPOPhil must be attached to the report.
- f. Product – invention with potential for commercialization.
- g. Public Engagement for S&T Projects – communicating and raising awareness of S&T initiatives to communities of the public.

16. Workplan (DOST Form 5 – Workplan)– specific activities to be undertaken per month to produce the promised results to attain the objectives of the project

17. Project Management – details on both the technical and administrative side of the project should be clearly indicated, including sustainability plan to ensure continuity of the project amidst financial, social, and environmental risks, including post-project implementation, if applicable

II. Additional / Supplementary Documents

Together with the proposal, DOST-PCIEERD requires submission of:

1. Letter of intent – signed by the applicants (faculty and students) stating intent to participate in the program, and
2. Letter of endorsement – sign by the authorized head of the school / institution. This letter must certify that the endorsed faculty-mentor is currently employed by the institution, and that the students participating are currently enrolled in the institution and, by AY 2026-2027, will be officially enrolled as Grade 9 and Grade 11 students of the same institution.

Both documents must be uploaded as part of the submission through DPMIS, and both letters should be addressed to:

ENGR. NIÑALIZA H. ESCORIAL
Deputy Executive Director, and
Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Executive Director

proposed project for funding, questions about administrative issues relating to the submission of a proposal, and clarifications on the announcement.

Young Innovators Program – YIP@pcieerd.dost.gov.ph

Note: Include / CC email above in all communications

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Additional Information

The faculty mentor must register in the DPMIS, encode the proposal and upload all the necessary documentary requirements.

Supporting Documents

PCIEERD AO 2021-003 Guidelines in the implementation of the PCIEERD Young Innovators Program (YIP)

PCIEERD AO 2026-007 Amendment in PCIEERD AO 2021-003

DOST Memorandum Circular No. 003, Series of 2025 Guidelines for the GIA Program of the DOST and its Agencies

Related Content Links

Signatory: Ninaliza Escorial

The document has been completed

Sent a copy to OED PCIEERD (oed_secretariat@pcieerd.dost.gov.ph)

Viewed by Ninaliza Escorial

Sent for signature to Ninaliza Escorial

Sent a copy to Marie Christie Santos (mbsantos@pcieerd.dost.gov.ph)

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Signed by Ninaliza Escorial

Document: YIP 2026 Call for Proposals CFP

Sent a copy to Alec (alec.santos@pcieerd.dost.gov.ph)

