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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE TO THE YOUNG INNOVATORS PROGRAM (YIP)
OF DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR
INDUSTRY, ENERGY AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT (DOST-PCIEERD)**

The PCIEERD Management is inviting Grades 9 and 11 students for AY 2026-2027 to submit innovative research proposals that address pressing problems in the region, city, or locality, and to propose solutions that apply Industry 4.0 and smart technologies, such as the Internet of Things (IoT), additive manufacturing, data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and robotics.

Interested schools can form team/s, with maximum of five (5) student participants and one (1) faculty mentor who will serve as the project adviser. Shortlisted proposals will participate in a week-long workshop series in Davao City that will conclude on a pitching competition to determine the final grantees of the program.

To ensure safety of learners and maximize the gains from such activity and ensure its alignment with the learning outcomes, DO No. 66 s. 2017 (Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities) shall be strictly observed.

Attached herewith are details on indicative program dates, funding opportunities, overview of the program, eligible applicants, proposal format, and additional documentary documents.

For questions, please contact the PCIEERD Project Managers, **Mr. Alec Denji Santos** (alec.santos@pcieerd.dost.gov.ph) or **Ms. Christie Santos** (mbsantos@pcieerd.dost.gov.ph), of the Human Resources and Institution Development Division (HRIDD) headed by its Chief SRS, Dr. Ruby Raterta (ruby.raterta@pcieerd.dost.gov.ph).

ATTACHMENT A
Indicative Program Dates

the dates below may be updated as needed:

Activity	Date & Details
Pre-Engagement Orientation Meeting	April 2026
Submission of Proposals	Open from April 1 to April 30, 2026
Expert-Mentoring Sessions	May 2026
YIP Ideathon	June 1 to 5, 2026 Face-to-face at Davao City
Lecture & Mentoring Sessions	
Pitch Competition	
Awarding of Grantees	
MOA Signing	July 23, 2026

Full schedule for reference (YIP):

Activities	Schedule	Man-days
Pre-engagement Meeting to Participants	March 2026	
Call for Proposals	April 1 - 30, 2026	
Division Level Evaluation	May 4 - 11, 2026	6
1st Level PMT Evaluation	May 12, 2026	1
Mentor Evaluation & Assigning of Teams	May 13 - 19, 2026	5
Mentor Online Consultations	May 20 - 26, 2026	5
1 st Revisions (Rejoinder) Submission	May 27, 2026	
Ideathon & TP Evaluation	June 1 to June 5, 2026	5
2 nd Revisions (Rejoinder) Submission	June 8, 2026	
2nd Level PMT Evaluation	June 9, 2026	1
GC Evaluation	June 15, 2026	1
Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) Signing	July 23, 2026	
TOTAL		24

Funding Opportunity Title

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PCIEERD YOUNG INNOVATORS PROGRAM (YIP) – FOR 2026 FUNDING

Key Information

Type of funding	Grant
Funding Agency	DOST – Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology (DOST-PCIEERD)
Add link to start the application	DOST Project Management Information System version 2 (DPMIS ver. 2): https://dpmisv2.dost.gov.ph/

Timeline

Event	Date	Time
Opening Date	April 1, 2026	8:00 AM PHT
Closing Date	April 30, 2026	5:00 PM PHT
Evaluation Period	40 Working Days	
Start of Projects	3 rd quarter of 2026	

Overview

The Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is pleased to announce its **2026 Call for Proposals (CFP) for the Young Innovators Program (YIP)**. This funding opportunity is intended to engage young researchers from **junior and senior high school levels** to gain research experience through conduct of research in the pursuit of innovative projects that contribute to the creation of high-quality research papers, publications, products, or inventions.

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.

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

3. Curriculum Vitae (CV) of mentor and project team
4. Project Team Information – short description of the team and roles of the students
5. Letter of Cooperation (if applicable) – exhibits the interest of adopters of the project results
6. Gender and Development Score
7. Scientific Basis / Theoretical Framework

How will we assess your application?

Review and Selection Process

Only proposals that meet the criteria set forth under the YIP Guidelines PCIEERD AO No. 2021-003 s. 2021 and AO No. 2026-0 will be evaluated. Applicants should directly and explicitly address these criteria as part of their proposal submission.

The research work must:

- a. be within the PCIEERD priority area, specifically applications of **Smart and Industry 4.0 technologies which include but is not limited to the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence, additive manufacturing, robotics and automation,**
- b. exhibit innovation and generation of new knowledge; or address special concern and not a duplication with existing or completed projects or technologies; and,
- c. produce at least one of the 7Ps, preferably a product.

The proposal will be subject to the following screening process:

- a. Eligibility screening to be conducted by PCIEERD-HRIDD.
- b. Eligible proposals will be screened by the external expert/mentor for shortlisting.
- c. PCIEERD-HRIDD to present the shortlisted proposals to the PCIEERD Management Team (PMT) for inclusion in the YIP Ideathon.
- d. The top twenty (20) shortlisted applicants will participate in the YIP Ideathon which will be conducted on-site in Davao City.
- e. Ideathon participants will present to the Technical Panel (TP) for evaluation.
- f. Final grantees to be presented by the TP Chair to the PMT for approval.
- g. Confirmation of final grantees to be approved by the PCIEERD Governing Council (GC).
- h. Announcement of grantees to be done by PCIEERD-HRIDD.

Other Factors

The PMT and GC, as the approving authorities, may consider programmatic priorities and geographic diversity in making the final decisions for the grant.

Contact

DOST-PCIEERD Project Managers are available to provide appropriate assistance to potential applicants interested in competing for this Call for Proposals. This may include assistance to potential applicants in determining eligibility of the applicant or the applicant's

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

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