



Regulation on the Mini-Grant Competition for Students – Participants of INSPIRE Academy 2025

1. General Provisions

1.1. This Regulation defines the procedure for conducting the Mini-Grant Competition among students participating in the three Schools of the INSPIRE Academy 2025 program (hereinafter referred to as the Program), implemented under the InspireEdu Project (“Inspiring Education for Future Leaders”), funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in the Republic of Moldova.

1.2. The mini-grant program aims to support student initiatives that promote civic engagement, leadership, and cooperation among youth from different cities — Comrat, Tiraspol, and Chişinău.

1.3. The competition is open to students who have participated in at least two of the three INSPIRE Academy 2025 Schools.

1.4. Supported initiatives must be implemented and completed by 31 December 2025.

2. Objectives and Goals of the Grant Program

2.1. The main objective of the competition is to encourage students to design and implement projects and initiatives focused on:

- developing youth leadership and civic participation;
- promoting ideas of social cohesion and digital solutions;
- strengthening connections between students and communities from the three regions.

2.2. Specific goals include:

- facilitating the practical application of knowledge gained during the INSPIRE Academy;
- fostering student initiative, creativity, and responsibility;
- developing interregional collaboration among universities and youth organizations.

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1. The competition is open to students who have attended at least two of the INSPIRE Academy 2025 Schools.

3.2. Applications may be submitted individually or by a team (up to 5 members).

3.3. Each participant may submit only one application (either individual or team-based).

3.4. The following types of initiatives and activities are eligible for support:

- youth forums, debates, and roundtables;
- cultural exchanges and interregional student meetings;
- educational masterclasses, trainings, and workshops;
- environmental or social campaigns aimed at promoting civic engagement;
- media projects (podcasts, videos, online campaigns) highlighting leadership, tolerance, and cooperation;
- technology-based initiatives and hackathons with social or educational components;
- projects promoting inclusion, equal opportunities, and intercultural dialogue.

4. Financial Conditions

4.1. The grant amount ranges from USD 300 to USD 700 per project.

4.2. Grant funds may be used exclusively for:

- purchasing equipment necessary for project implementation;
- marketing and event promotion;
- transport or logistics services;
- publishing or printing services;
- catering services.

4.3. Expenditures for remuneration, venue rent, or unrelated services are not eligible.

4.4. All procurement of goods and services included in the approved project budget will be carried out by the organizer of the competition, in accordance with the established rules and procurement procedures.

4.5. All project activities must be implemented by 25 December 2025, and the final narrative and financial report must be submitted no later than 30 December 2025.

5. Application Procedure

5.1. To participate, the applicant (individual or team) must complete and submit an application form including:

- a brief description and rationale of the initiative;
- project goals and expected results;
- target audience and expected outreach;
- activity plan and implementation timeline;
- detailed budget (according to eligible cost categories);
- information about the project team and potential partners (if applicable);
- contact information and responsible person.

5.2. Applications must be submitted electronically by 30 November 2025 to: globalstudy.xxi@gmail.com. The results of the competitive selection will be announced on December 3, 2025.

6. Evaluation and Selection Process

6.1. Applications will be evaluated by a Selection Committee composed of experts from the INSPIRE Academy project.

6.2. Main evaluation criteria include:

- relevance to the goals of the Program;
- feasibility and clarity of the implementation plan;
- interregional engagement (involving youth from Comrat, Tiraspol, and Chişinău);
- sustainability and potential for continuation beyond the grant period.

6.3. Three projects will be selected for funding. The decision of the Committee is final and not subject to appeal.

7. Reporting and Project Completion

7.1. Grant recipients must complete project implementation by 31 December 2025.

7.2. A short final report (2–3 pages) summarizing results and including photos must be submitted.

7.3. The organizers reserve the right to request additional materials (photos, videos, publications, or social media links).

8. Final Provisions

8.1. The organizers reserve the right to modify the competition terms or deadlines, notifying all participants accordingly.

8.2. Participation in the competition implies full agreement with the conditions set forth in this Regulation.



More information: <https://academy2025.education.md>