



## Staff and Faculty Mini-Grant Application

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| Date Application Received: | 02/24/26                                |                             |
| Approved Amount:           | \$ 903.76                               |                             |
| SFMGC Decision Date:       | 3/06/26                                 |                             |
| Approved:                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SFMGC Chair Signature:     |                                         |                             |
| Date Report Received:      |                                         |                             |

A completed application will be considered using the Staff and Faculty Mini-Grant Committee (SFMGC) guidelines. **Return the completed application electronically (via email) to the Staff and Faculty Mini-Grant chair before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for consideration and response/decision within two weeks. Applications submitted after the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month will be reviewed the following month. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for resubmission.**

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name:                  | Chathuri Edirisinghe                                                | Project Title:                                         | Purchase of TI-84 CE Graphing Calculators                           |
| Division:              | Mathematics, Business, Science and Technology                       | Supervisor/Division Chair:                             | Alok Dhital                                                         |
| Is this a new project? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you received funding from SFMGC this fiscal year? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

### 1. Description of the project:

In mathematics courses such as Introduction to Statistics and Trigonometry, a TI-84 Plus graphing calculator is required for many calculations and graphs. While students may use a graphing calculator mobile app for practice during class, electronic devices are not permitted during exams, and a physical calculator is required.

Purchasing a graphing calculator can be costly for many students. Although the campus library lends a limited number of calculators, availability is often insufficient, particularly during exam weeks.

Through this project, I plan to purchase ten TI-84 Plus CE graphing calculators, the standard model used in these courses, for instructor-managed use during exams and in-class activities. For exams, students should request to borrow a calculator. Due to the limited quantity, distribution will follow a first-come, first-served basis. Calculators will be distributed before the exam begins, collected immediately afterward, and recorded through a lending log. They will be securely stored between uses.

This will ensure that students who do not own a calculator have access to the required technology when needed.

**2. Rationale for how the project will benefit the faculty, staff, students, UNM-G, or the communities at large:**

This project will benefit students by ensuring access to required graphing calculators during exams and in-class activities. Since electronic devices are not allowed during testing, providing instructor-managed calculators helps reduce financial barriers and ensures consistent exam conditions.

**3. Expected outcomes or products of this project:**

This project will result in the purchase of eight TI-84 Plus CE graphing calculators for use during examinations and in-class activities. Students may request to borrow a calculator when needed, on a first-come, first-served basis, ensuring access to the required technology for those who do not own one.

**4. Describe the timeline for the project, action steps, resources needed, and the person responsible for each action step.**

**I. Timeline:**

Upon approval: Submit purchase request.

Within 2 weeks: Receive calculators and complete UNM-Gallup property inventory procedures.

Immediately after processing: Begin using calculators during scheduled exams and class activities.

**II. Action Steps:**

Submit order for the TI-84 Plus graphing calculators.

Receive and securely store the calculators in the department.

Distribute calculators to students in examinations and in-class activities as needed.

Collect calculators and return them to secure storage.

**III. Resources:** None

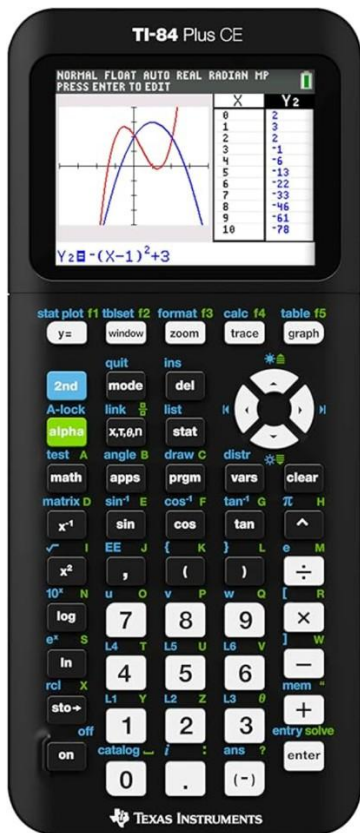
**IV. Responsible Person:** Dr. Chathuri Edirisinghe

**5. Estimated budget with justifications:**

**Estimated Project Budget**

| BUDGET ITEM                                | DESCRIPTION                   | TOTAL COST      |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. TI-84 PLUS CE<br>GRAPHING<br>CALCULATOR | 8 calculators @ \$112.97 each | \$903.76        |
| TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET                       |                               | <b>\$903.76</b> |

**Justifications:** The TI-84 Plus CE calculators are currently listed at \$112.97 each in AMAZON. The maximum grant amount of \$1,000 allows for the purchase of eight calculators, which will be used during examinations and in-class activities.



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Calculator Type Graphing

6. What other funding sources have you explored? Give Details. (Note: funds for this grant must be expended by June 30 of the fiscal year awarded.)

None.

7. If application is approved, the applicant must electronically submit the written final report as a pdf file to the Committee Chair within 15 days upon completion of the project.

### APPLICANT STATEMENT:

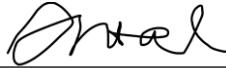
I WILL SUBMIT A ONE-PAGE REPORT TO THE CHAIR OF THIS COMMITTEE AND MY SUPERVISOR/DIVISION CHAIR (WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS OF THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT) DESCRIBING MY ACTIVITIES AND HOW THE UNIVERSITY BENEFITED FROM THEM.

Applicant Signature:

02/24/2026

Date

**TO DOCUMENT YOUR SUPERVISOR'S AWARENESS OF YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE REQUEST YOUR SUPERVISOR/DIVISION CHAIR TO SIGN BELOW.**



2/24/2026

Supervisor/Division Chair's Signature:

Date

**Staff and Faculty Mini-Grant Committee Comments only:**

*Approved or Disapproved and reason for disapproval*

Approved by Committee

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3/06/2026

SFMGC Chair's Signature

Date

Hasani Jayasinghe

03/06/2026

SFMGC Member's Signature

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Amanda Crump

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3/10/2026

Dean of Instruction's Signature

Date