



# KRÜSS Academic Grant Program

## Official Terms & Conditions

### 1. Program Overview

The KRÜSS Academic Grant Program ("Program") is sponsored by KRÜSS Scientific Instruments ("KRÜSS" or "Sponsor").

The Program is intended to support innovative academic research, scientific advancement, and educational initiatives by awarding selected applicants with KRÜSS scientific instrumentation at no cost to the recipient institution, subject to these Terms & Conditions.

Participation in the Program constitutes full and unconditional agreement to these Terms & Conditions.

### 2. Eligibility

The Program is open to:

- Professors
- Principal Investigators
- Research Scientists
- Graduate Students
- Postdoctoral Researchers
- Academic Research Teams

affiliated with accredited universities, colleges, or recognized research institutions located in eligible countries within North America or South America.

Applicants must:

- be at least 18 years of age;

- have authority to participate on behalf of their institution where required;
- comply with all applicable institutional policies and local laws.

The following are not eligible:

- Employees of KRÜSS and their immediate family members;
- Distributors, agents, or contractors directly involved in administration of the Program;
- Individuals or institutions prohibited under applicable export control or sanctions laws.

KRÜSS reserves the right to limit or exclude participation in certain jurisdictions where local laws, import restrictions, tax regulations, or other legal requirements make participation impractical or prohibited.

### **3. Program Period**

Applications will be accepted beginning on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 and ending on Friday, July 31, 2026. ("Submission Period").

KRÜSS reserves the right to extend, shorten, suspend, or terminate the Program at its sole discretion.

### **4. Submission Requirements**

Applicants must submit:

- a completed application form;
- project or research proposal;
- explanation of intended instrument use;
- institutional affiliation details;
- any additional materials requested by KRÜSS.

Incomplete, inaccurate, fraudulent, or non-compliant submissions may be disqualified.

Applicants agree not to submit:

- confidential third-party information;
- materials that infringe intellectual property rights;
- unlawful, defamatory, or misleading content.

## **5. Selection Process**

Recipients will be selected based on merit and evaluation criteria determined solely by KRÜSS and/or an appointed review panel.

Evaluation criteria may include:

- scientific impact;
- innovation;
- feasibility;
- educational value;
- alignment with surface science or analytical applications;
- potential for long-term research advancement.

Selection decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

KRÜSS reserves the right not to award any instrument if submissions do not meet Program standards.

## **6. Award Details**

Selected recipients may receive one or more KRÜSS instruments, accessories, software licenses, training, or related support services as determined by KRÜSS.

Awards:

- are non-transferable;
- may not be exchanged for cash;
- are subject to product availability;
- may require execution of additional agreements.

Approximate retail value ("ARV") of awards may vary.

KRÜSS reserves the right to substitute equipment of equal or greater value.

## **7. Shipping, Taxes, Import Duties & Installation**

Unless otherwise stated in writing:

- KRÜSS will cover standard shipping costs;

- recipients are responsible for any import duties, customs fees, VAT, withholding taxes, institutional fees, or other local charges.

Recipients are solely responsible for ensuring:

- compliance with local import regulations;
- proper installation environment;
- institutional acceptance approvals.

KRÜSS is not responsible for delays, customs holds, denied importation, or governmental restrictions.

## **8. Intellectual Property**

Applicants retain ownership of their original research concepts, data, and intellectual property submitted in connection with the Program.

By participating, applicants grant KRÜSS a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to:

- review submitted materials;
- evaluate submissions internally;
- reference selected projects for promotional, educational, or marketing purposes.

KRÜSS will not claim ownership of applicant research solely through participation in the Program.

Applicants should not submit proprietary or confidential information they do not wish to disclose.

## **9. Publicity Release**

Except where prohibited by law, recipients agree that KRÜSS may use:

- recipient names;
- institution names;
- project titles;
- photographs;
- testimonial statements;
- non-confidential project summaries

for promotional, educational, marketing, press release, website, social media, trade show, and related business purposes without additional compensation.

## **10. Data Privacy**

Personal information collected in connection with the Program will be processed in accordance with applicable privacy laws and KRÜSS privacy policies.

By participating, applicants consent to:

- collection and processing of submitted information;
- cross-border transfer of data where necessary for Program administration;
- communication from KRÜSS regarding the Program.

Applicants may request access, correction, or deletion of personal data where permitted by applicable law.

## **11. Compliance With Institutional Policies**

Recipients are responsible for ensuring acceptance of any award complies with:

- university policies;
- procurement rules;
- ethics requirements;
- government funding restrictions;
- anti-corruption laws.

KRÜSS may require written institutional approval prior to award fulfillment.

## **12. Limitation of Liability**

To the maximum extent permitted by law, KRÜSS shall not be liable for:

- technical failures;
- lost submissions;
- delays;
- customs issues;
- data loss;
- indirect or consequential damages;

- inability to use awarded equipment.

Participation is at applicant's own risk.

### **13. Right to Modify or Cancel**

KRÜSS reserves the right to:

- modify these Terms & Conditions;
- suspend or terminate the Program;
- disqualify applicants acting in bad faith or violating these rules.

### **15. Contact Information**

Questions regarding the Program may be directed to:

[customercare@krussusa.com](mailto:customercare@krussusa.com)