

Grant Title: FIELD-INITIATED PROPOSALS

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Area of Research: Funding for investigations that promise to yield new knowledge about education in the United States or abroad.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: Continuous. Initial proposals are accepted at any time, regardless of the level of funding requested.

Amount: Research grants can range from less than \$5,000 to slightly more than \$400,000. Proposals exceeding \$500,000 in direct costs require particularly close scrutiny and are generally developed in close consultation with Spencer staff. Those aiming to seek a grant of this size are encouraged to arrange a conversation with staff prior to submitting a proposal.

Length of Support: The foundation funds research grants that range in size from smaller grants that can be completed within a year, to larger, multi-year endeavors.

Eligible Applicants: Principal investigators applying for a research grant must be affiliated with a school district, a college or university, a research facility, or a cultural institution. The foundation accepts proposals from institutions or researchers from the U.S. and internationally. Researchers must also have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field or appropriate experience in an education-related profession.

Agency/Department: Spencer Foundation Research Programs.

Summary: The foundation provides funding for investigations that promise to yield new knowledge about education in the United States or abroad. The foundation funds research grants that range in size from smaller grants that can be completed within a year, to larger, multi-year endeavors. The foundation is alive to the possibility that someone may have an idea for worthwhile research that does not fit easily into even its broad areas of interest. The foundation asks in such cases that applicants address explicitly how their proposed study aligns with the foundation's mission of research toward educational improvement, while understanding that the foundation will be asking whether this proposal promises to advance its purposes more effectively than research it can fund in its declared areas of interest.

Detail Information: <http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/field-initiated-proposals>