Grant Title: DEVELOPMENTAL AND LEARNING SCIENCES: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM OF THE CHILDREN’S RESEARCH INITIATIVE

PA Number: NSF 07-508

Area of Research: Child and adolescent development and learning programs.

Release Date and expiration: October 2006 release; expiration not listed.

Application Deadline: January 19, 2007; then January 15 and July 15 annually.

Amount: Individual Investigator Projects: $75,000-120,000 per year, 15-20 awards per year; Workshops and Small Conference: $10,000-15,000 per year, 3-8 awards per year; Integrative Research Activities for Developmental Sciences (IRADS): Up to $500,000 per year; 2 IRADS awards per year.

Length of Support: Individual Investigator Projects: Up to 5 years; IRADS: 3-5 years.

Eligible applicants: Colleges, universities, and other not-for-profit institutions in the US with research and education programs in any area normally supported by NSF.

Agency/Department: National Science Foundation, Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

Summary: This program supports research that focuses on the mechanisms of development to explain when and how children and adolescents acquire new skills and knowledge and research that elucidates the underlying developmental processes that support learning, with the objective of leading to better educated children and adolescents who grow up to take productive roles as workers and as citizens. Proposals should increase scientific understanding of fundamental developmental processes, including cognitive, linguistic, social and biological processes. DLS will award funding for: individual investigator research projects, which are intended for individual scientists, or small teams of collaborating scientists, addressing one of the research areas of interest to DLS; and workshops and small conferences, which aim to assess the research needs of the field and plan ways to address research gaps and new directions.