

**Grant Title:** DEVELOPMENTAL AND LEARNING SCIENCES: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM OF THE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH INITIATIVE (DLS)

**Grant Number:** NSF 07-508

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

**Release Date and Expiration:** 2007 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:** NSF; DLS

**Summary:** This program supports research that focuses on the mechanisms of development that explain when and how children and adolescents acquire new skills and knowledge and to elucidate the underlying developmental processes that support learning. The Developmental and Learning Sciences Program (DLS) encourages research that will increase scientific knowledge of fundamental developmental processes, including cognitive, linguistic, social, cultural, and biological processes of learning and development. Priority will be given to studies addressing one or more of the following: multidisciplinary, multi-method, microgenetic, and longitudinal approaches; develops new methods and theories; examines transfer of knowledge from one domain to another and from one situation to another; assesses peer relations; family interactions, social identities, and motivation; examines the impact of family, school, and community resources; assesses adolescents' preparation for entry into the workforce; and investigates the role of demographic characteristics and cultural influences on children's development. 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.

**Detailed Information:** <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07508/nsf07508.htm>