**Grant Title:** RESEARCH GRANTS

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

**Deadline:** Inquiries and preliminary proposals may be submitted at any time.

**Amount:** Small research grants-$1,000 to $40,000; Major research grants-$40,000 to more than $75,000.

**Length of Support:** Projects may last no longer than 2 years.

**Eligible Applicants:** Principal investigators applying for a Major Research Grant must be affiliated with a school district, a college or university, a research facility, or a cultural institution. Researchers must also have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field or appropriate experience in the teaching profession. An additional criteria for Small Research Grants is educators currently employed in K-12 settings who are not pursuing a graduate degree.

**Foundation:** The Spencer Foundation

**Summary:** The Foundation's Small Research Grants Program supports short-term research projects (two years or less) that require no more than $40,000 to complete. It offers a unique opportunity for scholars and practitioners in a broad range of institutions who are interested in educational research to obtain support for their work. The program is appropriate for modest-sized research projects, exploratory studies, specific phases of larger investigations, and projects that arise in response to unusual opportunities. The Small Research Grants Program encourages researchers with diverse perspectives to develop ideas and approaches that extend the conventional boundaries of a research question, area, or method. The program supports individual efforts as well as collaborations. The Foundation's Major Research Grants Program supports research projects requiring more than $40,000. Research projects vary widely, ranging from medium-sized studies that can be completed within a year by an individual researcher to more extensive collaborative studies that last several years. Projects typically originate from research ideas initiated in the field by scholars and other researchers. Proposals that fit one of the following areas of inquiry will be accepted: (1) the relation between education and social opportunity; (2) organizational learning in schools, school systems, and higher education institutions; (3) teaching, learning, and instructional resources; and (4) purposes and values of education.

**Detailed Information:** [http://www.spencer.org/programs/index.htm](http://www.spencer.org/programs/index.htm)