

**AERA Institute on Statistical Analysis
for Education Policy
May 1–3, Washington, D.C.
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
*Deadline January 4, 2008***

The AERA Institute on Statistical Analysis for Education Policy is an annual training opportunity sponsored by the AERA Grants Program, which is supported by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences and the National Science Foundation (NSF). In 2008 the Institute will focus on education policy issues that can be addressed using modern methods for causal modeling with data from the Education Longitudinal Study of 2002 (ELS, 2002). The Institute will address policy issues such as the relationship of course taking to academic achievement and how it relates to issues of reform, the No Child Left Behind legislation, and equity. The session will provide hands-on instruction to help participants develop knowledge and skills in the use of the ELS data for education policy research and application.

Dates and Location: May 1–3, 2008, Washington, D.C.

Participant Grants: A select group of scholars will be chosen to participate in the Institute. Those selected for participation will receive support covering the Institute's fees, housing, transportation to Washington, D.C., and per diem for the dates of the Institute.

Institute Faculty: William Schmidt, Michigan State University (Director); Richard Houang, Michigan State University; Laura LoGerfo, NCES; Edith McArthur, NCES; John Wirt, NCES

Application: The deadline for applications is **January 4, 2008**. Priority will be given to applicants with scholarly activity in issues of education policy and practice using quantitative approaches, who are committed to using NCES and NSF data sets (especially ELS) for future research and/or teaching. Researchers from underrepresented groups, advanced graduate students, and recent doctorates are especially encouraged to apply. All awards are contingent upon AERA's receiving continued federal funding.

Further information and application requirements for this Institute and other AERA Grants Program opportunities may be found at the Web address below. Or contact Jeanie Murdock, Program Director (e-mail jmurdock@era.net or phone 805-964-5264).

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