

AERA GRANTS PROGRAM

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) is pleased to announce the continuation of the AERA Grants Program, sponsored jointly by the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** and the **National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)** of the Institute of Education Sciences. The primary goals of the AERA Grants Program are: (1) to enhance the research infrastructure by supporting researchers who conduct quantitative studies related to education policy and practice using data from the large-scale, national and international data sets supported by NSF and NCES; (2) to train researchers in the use of these data sets; and (3) to expand the research knowledge base regarding U.S. education policy and practice. Proposals may investigate a broad range of education policy- and practice-related issues, including (but not limited to): science and/or mathematics education, school persistence and career entry, teachers and teaching, policies and practices related to student achievement and assessment, policies and practices that influence student and parental attitudes, at-risk students, early childhood education, school administration, postsecondary education, U.S. education in an international context, school finance, educational institutions, and methodological studies. Historically underrepresented minority researchers are strongly encouraged to apply to the programs outlined below.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Research Grants are awarded competitively to university faculty and other doctoral-level researchers for original education policy- and practice-related proposals that utilize quantitative methods and include the analysis of data from at least one of the large-scale, nationally or internationally representative data sets supported by NCES or NSF. Researchers are invited to submit proposals that address timely issues of education policy and practice, such as those mentioned above. Awards are up to \$20,000 for a 1-year project, and up to \$35,000 for a 2-year project. In accordance with AERA's agreement with the funding agencies, institutions may not charge indirect costs on these awards. Proposals will be reviewed 3 times per year (see below for deadlines). Approximately 9 Research Grants will be awarded per year.

DISSERTATION GRANTS

Dissertation Grants for advanced doctoral students are similar to Research Grants in scope and purpose. Awards are \$15,000 for a 1-year project. In accordance with AERA's agreement with the funding agencies, institutions may not charge indirect costs on these awards. Proposals will be reviewed 3 times per year (see below for deadlines). Approximately 16 Dissertation Grants will be awarded per year.

AERA INSTITUTE ON STATISTICAL ANALYSIS FOR EDUCATION POLICY

The AERA Institute on Statistical Analysis for Education Policy is an annual training opportunity that provides hands-on instruction and experience in the use of large-scale, nationally representative data sets from NCES and NSF, with special emphasis on using these data sets for education policy- and practice-related research. The Institute will provide instruction in: (1) the use of one of the NCES or NSF data sets, (2) state-of-the-art quantitative methods appropriate for this data set, and (3) relevant education policy issues that can be addressed using data from the focal data set. Participation is competitive; approximately 25 researchers are selected to attend each year. The Institute is especially suited for doctoral candidates and new doctorates. Further information on the 2009 Institute will be available on the website below by August 2008.

GENERAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The upcoming application deadlines for grants are **August 29, 2008; January 7, 2009; and March 6, 2009**. Applicants will be notified regarding the results of the review within 2 months of the application deadline. All awards are contingent upon AERA's receiving continued federal funding. For application requirements and further information please see the AERA Grants Program Web site (below) or contact:



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