# Tips for Applying for Research Funding at IES

https://ies.ed.gov/

## Know Yourself

* Preparing a grant application is part of building your program of research
* Describe in your application how your proposed work fits into your past, present, and future program of research
* Don’t hold back in being very explicit in how your work connects to the IES mission – Academic Outcomes of Learners (PK to Postsecondary and Beyond) are Nonnegotiable

## Know Your Funding Source

* IES is the **statistics, research, and evaluation** arm of the U.S. Department of Education.
* Charged with providing rigorous and relevant evidence on which to ground education practice and policy and share this information broadly.
* The mission of IES is to
  + - Provide scientific evidence to inform education practice and policy.
    - Share information with a wide range of stakeholders by providing information in formats that are useful and accessible to educators, parents, policymakers, researchers, and the public.

## IES Organizational Structure

See <https://ies.ed.gov/organizational-charts>

## Objectives of the IES Research Centers

* Develop or identify education interventions (practices, programs, policies, and approaches) that enhance education outcomes and can be widely deployed
* Identify what works and what does not work and thereby encourage innovation and further research
* Understand the processes that underlie the effectiveness of education interventions and the variation in their effectiveness
* Develop measures of academic achievement and progress

## Education Research Grant Programs and Funding Opportunities

<https://ies.ed.gov/funding>

# How to Identify Funding Opportunities

* Sign up for the [IES Newsflash](https://ies.ed.gov/newsflash/about.asp)
* Funding opportunities are announced in *The Federal Register*
* Find the [funding opportunities page](https://ies.ed.gov/funding/grants) of the IES website and review the current Requests for Applications (RFAs)
* Contact relevant Program Officer(s)

# NCER Grant Opportunities

In FY22, NCER ran 4 education research grant programs and 1 education research training program.

* Education Research Grants (84.305A)
* Statistical and Research Methodology in Education (84.305D)
* Research Grants Focused on Systematic Replication (84.305R)
* Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Policymaking (84.305S)
* Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences (84.305B)
  + Early Career Mentoring Program for Faculty at Minority-Serving Institutions
  + Postdoctoral Research Training
  + Methods Training for Education Research

## Resources for Applicants

* Program Officers
* IES Research Funding Opportunities On-Demand Webinars
* Virtual Office Hours with NCER and NCSER Program Officers
* Cost Analysis Technical Assistance
  1. Cost Analysis in Practice Project and Help Desk
  2. Resources for conducting costs analyses
* Other Resources available online
  1. Data Sharing
  2. Public Access to Research

## Peer Review Panels

<https://ies.ed.gov/about/office-science/peer-review-panels>