

## Education Innovation and Research (EIR)

### New Funding Opportunity for K-12 Innovation Also Seeking Peer Reviewers

The U.S. Department of Education's EIR program provides funding to create or take to scale entrepreneurial, evidence-based, field-initiated innovations to improve the achievement and attainment of high-need K-12 students. There are three types of grants available: early-phase, mid-phase, and expansion. This unique three-tiered grant structure links the amount of funding that an applicant may receive to the quality of evidence that supports the efficacy of the proposed project. \$115 million is available for awards, and 25% of funds will be reserved for rural applicants serving predominantly rural students. Applications are due June 5, 2018.

Early-Phase	Mid-Phase	Expansion
Develops and tests innovative education practices	Further develops innovative education practices and regionally or nationally scales those practices	Scales nationally those practices demonstrated to be effective
Applicants must demonstrate a rationale based on high quality research findings of evaluation	Applicants must meet "Moderate Evidence" standard	Applicants must meet "Strong Evidence" standard
Up to \$4 million per award, up to 60 months (5 years) of funding	Up to \$8 million per award, up to 60 months (5 years) of funding	Up to \$15 million per award, up to 60 months (5 years) of funding
8-16 awards anticipated	4-10 awards anticipated	1-3 awards anticipated

In addition to meeting an evidence requirement, EIR applicants must select one of two other absolute priorities: "Field-Initiated Innovations-General" or "Field-Initiated Innovations-STEM with a particular focus on Computer Science" (note: the STEM priorities are similar but not identical across the three competitions). Applicants also have the option to address one, both, or neither of the invitational priorities: "Personalized Learning" or "Early Learning and Cognitive Development."

There is a separate Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) for each of the three grant types that contains additional information about program requirements, eligibility, matching requirements, and the competition priorities. To view the NIA's and other helpful resources, please go to the [EIR competition page](#).

#### **Applying to Become a Peer Reviewer**

If you choose not to submit a grant application and will not participate in any other application to this year's competition, you may be interested in volunteering to serve as a peer reviewer. EIR seeks reviewers in all areas of K-12 education, but particularly needs reviewers with expertise in K-12 computer science education. If interested in being a peer reviewer, please follow the instructions in the [Call for Peer Reviewers](#). The call for reviewers also includes details about the schedule, payment, and reviewer responsibilities.

