



Teacher Quality Partnership Grants

This grant program is the only federal initiative directed to reforming and strengthening higher education-based teacher preparation programs

2017 Fact Sheet

The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) program supports the preparation of profession-ready teachers for high-need schools and subject areas. Under this program, teacher preparation programs use federal funding to reform undergraduate pre-service teacher and school leader preparation programs or to develop master's-level teaching residency programs.

Program Highlights

- Grantees are partnerships among institutions of higher education, high-need local education agencies, high-need schools, or other eligible entities that work together to develop a pipeline of profession ready teachers.
- Grantees are required to provide extensive, year- long clinical preparation to teacher candidates.
- Grantees must provide an induction program for at least the first two years of a graduate's teaching career.
- Candidates participating in teaching residency programs commit to teaching for at least three years in a high-need field in the high-need district where they were prepared for at least three years.
- All candidates are prepared to teach students with disabilities, to teach English language learners, and to teach literacy strategies.
- Grantees are expected to maintain the reforms even after funding ends, and they must provide a 100% funding match.

Funding Background

- The President's budget request for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) eliminates the program.
- This program received bipartisan support and was initially authorized at \$300 million in Title II of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.
- Funding for this program, though, has never surpassed \$50 million through the appropriations process, with the exception of \$100 million dedicated to the program in 2010 through ARRA funds.
- Current funding in FY17 is \$43.1 million.
- In May 2014, the U.S. Department of Education announced \$35 million in new awards for FY14 with an emphasis on promoting STEM education.
- In September 2016, the U.S. Department of Education announced \$5 million in new awards for FY16 with a focus on programs serving rural areas.

What Results Have TQP Grants Produced?

- Schools and school districts involved in TQP are seeing improvements in the quality and retention of their teachers and in the quality of their students' learning experiences and achievements.
- TQP grants have funded significant professional development opportunities for teachers in high-need schools, meaningful induction/mentoring programs for novice teachers, and the implementation of evidence-based reforms in teacher preparation programs.
- Teacher preparation programs at institutions of higher education have deepened their partnerships with their PK-12 colleagues and the communities that they serve.

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TEACHER QUALITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTEES

American Museum of Natural History (NY) *
Arizona State University *
Bard College (NY)
Boston Plan for Excellence/Boston Teacher
Residency (MA) *
California State University, Bakersfield *
California State University, Chico *
California State University, Dominguez Hills *
California State University, Los Angeles *
California State University, Northridge
Coppin State University (MD) **
Denver School District No. 1 (CO)
East Carolina University (NC)
Fresno Unified School District (CA) *
Georgia State University
Governors State University (IL) *
Heritage University (WA)
Hunter College, the City University of New York
Illinois State University, Normal *
Iowa Department of Education
Kennesaw State University (GA)
Lehman College, the City University of New York
Louisiana State University and A&M College, Baton
Rouge
MidAmerica Nazarene University (KS)
Mid-Central Education Cooperative (SD)
Montclair State University (NJ) *
National Louis University (IL) *
National Math and Science Initiative, Inc. (TX)
New Visions for Public Schools (NY) *
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State
University **
Urban Teacher Residency
Old Dominion University (VA)
Public Education & Business Coalition, Boettcher
Teacher Residency (CO) *
Questa Independent Schools (NM)
Regents of the University of California,
Los Angeles *
Rutgers University, Newark (NJ) *
Teachers College, Columbia University (NY) *
Temple University (PA) *
Texas State University, San Marcos
The Ohio State University

Trustees of Indiana University, Bloomington
University Corporation at Monterey Bay (CA) *
University of Chicago (IL)
University of Colorado Denver *
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Missouri, Kansas City
University of New Hampshire **
University of North Carolina, Greensboro *
University of Tennessee, Martin *
University of West Alabama **
Virginia Commonwealth University *
Wesley College (DE) *
Western Kentucky University
Wichita State University (KS)
William Paterson University (NJ)
Winthrop University (SC)

** *Indicates grantee whose most recent grant cycle began in 2016 (4 grantees).*

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