



NBRC Candidate Support Program (CSP) Financial Resources

Please read below for important information about financial support. We encourage all candidates to apply for available grants to help cover Candidate Support Program (CSP) fees.

Questions? Email creeo-nbrc@berkeley.edu

To support with [National Board Certification](#) fees

- California NBPTS Candidate Subsidy Program for teachers working in [high-priority](#) schools to apply for the candidate subsidy to cover up to \$2,500 for the cost of certification
 - [More Information about the CA subsidy program](#)
 - **Early Bird Application Window:** August 3, 2026
 - **Application Window Closes:** December 18, 2026 by 4:00pm PST
 - **Important Note:** Teachers must register for the [National Board Certification](#) process prior to applying for the CA subsidy program. The cost to register is \$75.00 annually.
 - **Registration deadline for the National Board:** February 28, 2027

Grant opportunities to support with NBRC's CSP or if you did not qualify for CA Subsidy

- UNEX Financial Assistance Information: <https://extension.berkeley.edu/static/studentservices/financial/>
- [Donor Choose campaigns](#) - you may write a proposal for your National Board fees and support, but only if you have successfully completed 2 prior campaigns earning you 6 points.
- Check with your union! There may be grants available for professional development and/or NB Certification through your state and national unions.
- Light Awards: [Award Details](#) - OPENS Fall, 2026. They support professional development for teams (up to six people). You may write a grant to cover the **CSP fees** as a professional development and can award stipends to participating educators. Note: National Board fees are not covered.

When applying for the above awards, fees to keep in mind:

- \$1900 towards National Board fees - if you were not eligible for the CA Subsidy towards NB fees
- \$3000 towards UC Berkeley National Board Resource Center's: Candidate Support Program
 - Funds due by: 11/15/2026
 - We will follow up with details
- Potential Total: \$5400 at minimum. If you receive funding towards the CSP, we will follow up with details on how to transfer these funds to CREEO-NBRC.

After Certification Opportunities



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- [NBCT Certification Incentive Program Information](#): \$25,000 stipend over five years from the CDE for educators in high-priority schools - Applications open Fall, 2026, **deadline ~February, 2027**
- \$1,000 annual stipend from OUSD (or your district, if applicable) after certification

Other Funding Opportunities (not for NB Certification or support)

- Venture Foundation - Teacher Grants: [Teacher Grants – Philanthropic Ventures Foundation](#) - Ongoing
- [Donor Choose campaigns](#)