

2020-2021 QTEA Innovation Awards

(Re)Designing in Changing Times

Applications due on Sept. 15, Oct. 15, Nov. 15, & Dec. 15

We invite diverse school teams to address a current equity dilemma during COVID-19 using a liberatory design process with the iLab and funding!

Why apply for an Innovation Award?

In these unprecedented times, we know that each and every student is not currently getting the high quality education that they deserve. A global pandemic, growing economic inequality, and racism exposed in growing ways has affected our students, families and staff in immeasurable ways. "School" as it was historically designed is less adequate than ever to ensure that our students, particularly African American and other marginalized student groups, receive the high quality education they deserve to develop the skills of the Graduate Profile and thrive in these times.



What is the Innovation Award Grant?

For the 2020-21 school year, schools have the opportunity to apply to redesign an aspect of your school's work that tackles an equity dilemma and further develops the skills and competencies of the [Graduate Profile](#) for all students.

Schools will...

1. **Identify** an equity dilemma you are currently facing
2. **Apply** for an Innovation Award. If selected, ...
3. **Meet** with the iLab for the final step in the application process to customize your design and coaching structure given your needs and context (e.g. a short design sprint, embed sessions in existing PD structures, etc)
4. **Engage in** a funded and customized innovation [liberatory design and coaching process](#)
5. **Design, test, and implement** a solution(s) to address your equity dilemma
6. **Receive** funding to implement your solution



How to apply...

1. Applications will be accepted at 11:59pm on Sept. 15th, Oct. 15th, Nov. 15th, and Dec. 15th (until funds are exhausted) to allow schools to apply as they are ready to tackle a challenge.
2. Schools are invited to consult with the iLab *prior* to the submission of their application.
3. Complete [this application](#). You are welcome to preview and draft answers for the applications in this [drafting document](#). You can review the application scoring rubric [here](#).
4. School teams are welcome (not required) to include in their application an interest in designing solutions with other educators, schools, or departments.
5. Applicants will be notified of initial acceptance within 1 week after submission

Contact [Rebecca Wolfe](#) or [Brian Fox](#) in the iLab at with any questions or for a consultation.