

**Spencer Foundation
Small Research Grants on Education**

The Office of Foundation Relations is pleased to share this open call for funding from the Spencer Foundation. Please forward the call to interested faculty in your departments and divisions.

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Funder: Spencer Foundation

Opportunity: [Small Research Grants on Education](#)

Funding Level: up to \$50,000

Deadline: December 4, 2024 (10 a.m. PT)

The Spencer Foundation accepts applications for the Small Research Grants program three times a year.

Overview: The Spencer Foundation's goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education. They seek to support scholarship that develops new foundational knowledge that may have a lasting impact on educational discourse. They recognize that learning occurs across the life course as well as across settings—from the classroom to the workplace, to family and community contexts and even onto the playing field—any of which may, in the right circumstance, provide the basis for rewarding study that makes significant contributions to the field.

Please review the opportunity's [website](#) for instructions on how to apply. Please refer to the full [guidelines](#) for more details about the opportunity, eligibility, and use of funds.

Key Award Terms

- Project length can be from 1 to 5 years.
- Budgets may not include indirect cost charges [per Spencer's policy](#)

Eligibility:

- Proposals to the Small Research Grants on Education program must be for research projects that aim to study education. Proposals for activities other than research are not eligible (e.g., program evaluations, professional development, curriculum development, scholarships, capital projects, software development). Additionally, proposals for research studies focused on areas other than education are not eligible.
- Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs applying for a Small Research Grant on Education must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field. While graduate students may be part of the research team, they may not be named the PI or Co-PI on the proposal.
- PIs and Co-PIs may not submit more than one research proposal to the Spencer Foundation at a time.
- PIs and Co-PIs may only hold one active research grant from the Spencer Foundation at a time.

To view previous recipients, see the Recent Awardees section on the [program website](#).

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Full Proposal Deadline

Special Instructions:

Please notify the Office of Foundation Relations if you are interested in applying to this opportunity

(fr@ucsc.edu). Please submit a [proposal intake form](#) prior to UCSC's internal Institutional Deadlines. For support developing your proposal, please contact the [Research Development Specialist](#) assigned to your unit or send a request to resdev@ucsc.edu. Within the Division of Social Sciences, please contact Ashlee Tews (ashleeac@ucsc.edu), and within the Arts, please contact Hannah Jasper (hannahjasper@ucsc.edu) to initiate notification and proposal support.

Call sent: October 16, 2024

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