



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice Announcing Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences, Research Training Programs in Special Education, Statistical and Research Methodology in Education, Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking, and Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking in Special Education Program Competitions

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) at the U.S. Department of Education (ED) is soliciting applications for new awards of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences, Research Training Programs in Special Education, Statistical and Research Methodology in Education, Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking, and Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking in Special Education programs, Assistance Listing Numbers 84.305B, 84.324B, 84.305D, 84.305S and 84.324S.

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* “APPLY” function by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time October 1, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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84.305S Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking	202-987-0071	Katherine.Taylor@ed.gov
84.324S Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking in Special Education	202-987-0071	Katherine.Taylor@ed.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FY 2027 Requests for Applications include topic areas, scientific peer review criteria, and requirements for each competition listed below. IES is announcing the following competitions:

National Center for Education Research (NCER) Competitions

Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences (ALN 84.305B). Under this competition, NCER will consider only applications that address one of the following topics:

- Early Career Development and Mentoring Program for Education Research

- Methods Training for Education Research

Statistical and Research Methodology in Education (ALN 84.305D). Under this competition, NCER will consider only applications that address one of the following topics:

- Core Grants
- Toolkits, Guidelines, Compendia, Review Papers, and Curated Data Resources

Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking (ALN 84.305S). Under this competition, NCER will consider only applications that address State agencies' use of their State's education longitudinal data systems to provide evidence for their own program and policy decisions, and those of their local education agencies, regarding increasing access to high-quality education and increased academic achievement for learners from prekindergarten through adult education.

National Center for Special Education Research (NCSE) Competitions

Research Training Programs in Special Education (ALN 84.324B). Under this competition, NCSE will consider only applications that address one of the following topics:

- Early Career Development and Mentoring
- Methods Training for Special Education Research

Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking in Special Education (ALN 84.324S). Under this competition, NCSE will consider only applications that address State agencies' use of their State's education longitudinal data systems to provide evidence for their own program and policy decisions, and those of their local education agencies, pertaining to learners with or at risk for disabilities from birth through postsecondary education.

Maximum Award: Maximum awards vary by competition and topic as specified in the cognizant Request for Applications. For the Research Training in the Education Sciences (ALN 84.305B) and Research Training in Special Education (ALN 84.324B) programs, the maximum award is \$800,000. For the Statistical and Research Methodology in Education (ALN 84.305D) program, the maximum award is \$900,000. For the Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking (ALN 84.305S) and Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking in Special Education (ALN 84.324S) programs, the maximum award is \$1,200,000.

Eligible Applicants: For the Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking (ALN 84.305S) and Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking in Special Education (ALN 84.324S) grants programs, institutions that have the demonstrated ability and capacity to conduct rigorous research are eligible to apply. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, state agencies responsible for education programs and policies, non-profit and for-profit organizations, and public and private agencies and institutions, such as colleges and universities. Applications must include the State agency or State postsecondary system responsible for the education issue, program, or policy to be examined. Eligible State agencies include the State educational agency (SEA) responsible for the State's K-12 sector as well as other State agencies responsible for other specific education sectors such as early

intervention, early childhood education, prekindergarten, career and technical education, postsecondary education, and adult education. In addition, a State postsecondary system may serve as the eligible State agency. Eligible State agencies may apply alone, or in conjunction with research organizations such as universities and research firms, and/or with other appropriate organizations (such as other State agencies or local educational agencies).

For all other competitions in this notice, applicants that have demonstrated the ability and capacity to conduct rigorous research are eligible to apply. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, nonprofit and for-profit organizations and public and private agencies, including state education agencies, and institutions of higher education, such as colleges and universities.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9501 et seq.

To Apply: The complete funding opportunity announcement and all information needed to apply, including topics program requirements, are available on ED's website at <https://ies.ed.gov/funding/grants> and on Grants.gov at

Name and ALN	Grants.gov link
Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences (ALN 84.305B)	https //grants.gov/search-results-detail/363466
Statistical and Research Methodology in Education (ALN 305D)	https //grants.gov/search-results-detail/363468
Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking (ALN 84.305S)	https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/363469
Research Training Programs in Special Education (ALN 84.324B)	https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/363467
Using Longitudinal Data to Support State Education Policymaking in Special Education (ALN 84.324S)	https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/363471

The application notice and instructions on Grants.gov is the official document governing the grant competitions.

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format.

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