Research Grants on Education

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The Research Grants on Education Program aids education research projects that commit to the improvement of education by offering up to $50,000 over 2 years. The aim of the program is to support rigorous, ambitious and technically sound research on the most pressing problems and exciting opportunities in education.

Program Statement

The Research Grants on Education Program supports financial aid that expands new integral expertise that may have a continuing influence on academic discourse. We understand that learning occurs across the life course as well as across environments—in that any and all, in the right event, provide the premise for fulfilling concentration that makes meaningful advancements to the field. This program supports proposals from different disciplinary and professional viewpoints, from academics at diverse standings in their career. We count on proposals that will bridge extensive subjects and specialties that creatively explores questions essential to education. Please integrate data from diverse expertise, that range an ample length of time for experience, or work closely with practitioners or community members close to the project.

Eligibility

Proposals to the Research Grants on Education program must be for academic research projects that intend to enhance education. Proposals for activities other than research, or focusing on areas other than education are not eligible. Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs of the Research Grant on Education must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field, or the equivalent experience. While graduate students may be part of the research team, they may not be named the PI or Co-PI on the proposal. The PI must be associated with a non-profit organization or public/governmental institution that is prepared to function as the executing organization. New Era does not award grants directly to individuals in this program. Proposals are accepted from within the U.S. and all proposals must be submitted in English and budgets must be proposed in U.S. Dollars.

Restrictions

Proposed budgets for this program are limited to a total of $50,000 and may not include indirect costs under New Era policies. Proposed projects may not be longer than 2 years in duration. PIs and Co-PIs may not submit more than one research proposal to the New Era at a time. PIs and Co-PIs may only hold one active research grant from New Era at a time.

How To Apply

The application process starts with a full proposal which are due by December 31st, 2021 at 12:00pm Noon central time. Research Grant proposals must be submitted through email, following this online application form regarding the guidelines on the next slides.

Step 1 – Follow the guidelines on the registration page to create your profile. If you already have an account, log on to update your profile and access the application. **Step 2 –** Please refer to the instructions to complete the information requested, including uploading your **current CV** to the email as an attachment.

Step 3 – Upload your proposal as a pdf.

Research Grant Proposal Elements: Below is an overview of the elements.

Project Personnel– While creating the profile, this profile will then be assigned to the proposal as the Principal Investigator. If there are Co-PIs on the proposal, they can be added to the application text. In this section you are also asked to confirm that neither the PI nor the Co-PIs currently have another research proposal under review at New Era.

Proposal Summary– Information about the project is requested, such as the project title, start and end dates, the core research question(s), and a one-page project summary.

Budget and Budget Justification - The budget form is divided into the following categories:
1. Salaries (PI, Co-PI, Postdoctoral Research Assistant, Graduate Student,Researcher, Undergraduate Researcher, Other Research Staff, Other Staff).
2. Other Collaborator (Independent Consultant, Advisor).
3. Travel (Project Travel, Conference or Dissemination Travel).
4. Equipment and Software (Equipment, Software).
5. Project Expenses (Supplies, Participant Stipends/Costs, Communication, Transcription).

6. Other (This should only be used for expenses not covered in the choices above).
7. Subcontracts- If your project will have subcontracts, a separate subcontract budget form will need to be completed for each. The subcontract form has the same categories and line item choices listed above.

Proposal Narrative - You are required to attach a PDF proposal narrative that includes the following: A description of the project, the core research question(s), and the project's significance. This includes (a) the relationship of the proposed research to relevant literature, and the new knowledge or contribution to the improvement of education expected to result from the proposed research; and (b) a summary of the conceptual framework guiding the project and how the project builds on this, as well as an outline of the proposed research methods, details of participants, data collection instruments, and modes of report the project will make use of. Please include (a) information about the proposed sample/case definition and selection logistics; (b) research design, including a depiction of the context of the study; (c) detail of key constructs, measures and data sources; (d) workings for data collection / data analysis. This narrative may not exceed 2500 words. The text should be double–spaced and in 12-point font. APA style is preferred. Note:Tables and other figures can be included, provided they are used intermittently. Do not assume that tables and other figures are self-explanatory.

Project Timeline– A project timeline should be attached as a PDF file and should outline the proposed start and end dates of the project, as well as key project events and goals. Highlight major activities in the proposal narrative. The project timeline may not exceed 1 page and the text should be in 12-point font.

Project Team– A 250 word statement (double–spaced, 12-point font) outlining the project team, and should be uploaded in pdf format, identifying the roles, responsibility and knowledge base of the PI, Co-PI(s), and any supporting researcher(s). In the case where your project includes Co-PIs and other supporting researchers, this document should lay out how the team will complete the research together, highlighting what each team member will contribute to the project. A short description of the relationship between the project team and the research site may be included.

A Supporting Letter– from the scholar's Dean or Chair should be uploaded also as a PDF file. Optional Appendices A –If you have other supporting documents, such as letters of agreement or collaboration, they can be uploaded in this section of the application.

A note on IRB approval: Proof of approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) is not required at the time the proposal is submitted. In the event that IRB approval is required for this project and it is chosen for funding, the managing organization is responsible for obtaining IRB assessment and approval in accordance with its institutional policies and applicable law.

Project Data– Within the online application email, we ask you to select the applicable options with relevance to your research project in the following categories: disciplinary perspective, methodologies, topics, geographical scope, contexts, and participants. This information is important in deciding suitable reviewers for your proposal and for internal evaluations of our grant programs.

Signature from Authorized Representative of the Administering Organization – It is necessary to provide the Signatory's name, title, and email address. You, as the applicant, are accountable for making sure your proposal is signed by the deadline.

Submit– Once you've completed all of the elements listed above, send us the email to grant@neweracultureandeducation.org (also available at the bottom of the page, "Apply Now" button). Review Process: The Research Grants on Education utilizes a peer review process for all eligible submissions. Each proposal will be examined by both external panel reviewers and internal personnel. The review process for this program takes approximately 2-3 months from the deadline date. New Era is unable to accept late submissions.

Review Process

The review panel for this program is made up of scholars in the field of education research with expertise across many disciplines. Panelists are asked to assess and comment on the following features of your proposal: Merit of the Project- Reviewers will gauge the essence of education in the research, the gravity of the subject matter to its field, and the excellence of the research question(s) and/or direction of inquiry. Correlation to Research and Theory- Reviewers will judge the sufficiency of how other researchers have treated the same topic and how well the proposal reacts to prior work and theory. Research Design- Reviewers will weigh in on the overall standing, refinement, and suitability of the research design as well as its alignment with the research question(s) and/or conceptual framing. Budget and Timeline- Reviewers will evaluate the competency of the cost and record. Project Team- Reviewers will comment on the potential of the investigator(s) to complete the study as laid out and share the results or other findings.

Proposal Preparation Checklist

1. 1. Updated CV

2. 2. Summary of Proposal (250 words limitation)

3. 3. Proposal Narrative (2500 words limitation)

4. 4. Budget Details and Justification

5. 5. Letter of Support