

# **PATHWAYS TO THE EDUCATION SCIENCES**

## **Research Training Program (84.305B)**



*The Institute of Education Sciences is excited to announce a new funding opportunity for **Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)** and their partners to create innovative new training programs that promote diversity and prepare underrepresented students for doctoral study in education research.*

The goal of the new Pathways to the Education Sciences Research Training Program (Pathways Training Program) is to provide undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and masters students (especially underrepresented students) with an introduction to education research and scientific methods, meaningful opportunities to participate in education research studies, and professional development and mentoring that leads to doctoral study.



### **Awards**

For FY16, the Institute intends to award up to four Pathways Training grants to minority-serving institutions (MSIs) and other institutions of higher education in partnership with MSIs. Awards will be for a maximum of 5 years and \$1,200,000.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- MSIs located in the territorial United States that confer bachelor's or master's degrees in academic fields relevant to education
- Academic institutions located in the territorial United States that confer bachelor's or master's degrees in academic fields relevant to education *and* that partners with an eligible MSI

### **MSI Categories**

- Alaska Native Serving Institutions
- American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities
- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Native American-Serving, Nontribal Institutions
- Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions
- Predominantly Black Institutions

**T**he Pathways Training Program, while open to all students, seeks to increase the number of fellows from groups underrepresented in doctoral study, including racial and ethnic minorities, first-generation college students, economically disadvantaged students, veterans, and students with disabilities.

Pathways training fellows may include upper-level undergraduates (juniors and seniors), post-baccalaureate students (within 5 years of receiving a bachelor's degree), or students enrolled in master's degree programs. Fellows who complete their Pathways Training program should be prepared to enter a doctoral program in which they can pursue a future career in education research.

The core feature of the Pathways Training Program is a required research apprenticeship, in which fellows gain hands-on research experience under the supervision of faculty mentors. In order to prepare participants for doctoral study, programs will also provide training in multiple areas:

- Subject-matter knowledge in the chosen education research theme of the training program,
- Methodological knowledge and skills, and
- Career development.

Each proposed training program should be interdisciplinary—involving fields such as education, statistics, economics, sociology, psychology, and public policy—and provide opportunities for students to learn how researchers are addressing significant issues and challenges facing education policymakers and practitioners. Pathways training programs can be of varying formats, lengths, and foci; however, at a minimum, they must each have an education research theme and research apprenticeship opportunities for fellows. While not required, the Institute strongly encourages programs to provide a course or seminar that addresses the program's theme, mentoring, and additional activities designed to assist fellows in applying for admission to doctoral programs.

***Need Help?** If you have questions about the Pathways Training Program, please contact Katina Stapleton at [Katina.Stapleton@ed.gov](mailto:Katina.Stapleton@ed.gov).*

Milestone	Date	Website
Letter of Intent Due	May 21, 2015	<a href="https://ies.ed.gov/">https://ies.ed.gov/</a>
Application Package Available	May 21, 2015	<a href="http://www.grants.gov/">http://www.grants.gov/</a>
Application Due	By 4:30:00 pm Washington DC time on August 20, 2015	<a href="http://www.grants.gov/">http://www.grants.gov/</a>
Applicants Notified	By July 1, 2016	<a href="https://ies.ed.gov/">https://ies.ed.gov/</a>
Possible Start Dates	July 1, 2016 to September 1, 2016	

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## How to Apply for a Pathways Training Grant

1. **Go** to the IES Funding Opportunities Page: <http://ies.ed.gov/funding>.
2. **Register** for two funding opportunities webinars: *Funding Opportunities for Minority Serving Institutions* and *The Application Process*.
3. **Download** the 84.305B Request for Applications & the appropriate application package.
4. **Submit your optional** (but highly encouraged) letter of intent online by May 21, 2015. After the 21st, email [Katina.Stapleton@ed.gov](mailto:Katina.Stapleton@ed.gov).
5. **Submit** your application to [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) before the application deadline: **4:30 PM Washington DC time on August 20, 2015**.