



2015 Research Foundation Teacher Grant Program

Grant Description

The Trustees of the NCTE Research Foundation support projects related to the teaching and learning of language, literacy, and culture.

Who Is Eligible

Proposals are invited from teachers of children and youth at any level, birth through grade 12. Teachers in urban, suburban, and rural settings are eligible.

Suggested Research Topics

The Trustees of the NCTE Research Foundation seek proposals that reflect the diverse interests of our NCTE membership, including but not limited to proposals focusing on better educating underrepresented populations, equity pedagogies, curriculum changes, and the effect these changes have on students, school policies, teaching methods, student interaction and learning, community literacy, home-school literacy relationships, after-school programs, student literacy practices in and out of school, and other relevant topics of study.

Funding and Timeline Parameters

Grants will be awarded for a period of up to one year and in the amount of up to \$3,000 over the lifetime of the grant. Applicants must be members in good standing of NCTE at the time of the award. Applicants are limited to one grant submission in each funding cycle and will qualify for only one funded project every three years.

Deadline and Notification

Completed applications packages must be received by no later than **November 1, 2015, 11:59 p.m. CT**, and must be submitted electronically to researchfoundation@ncte.org. Notification of grant decisions will be announced by no later than December 1, 2015.

Contact

For further information on this grant program or any questions on your application, please contact the NCTE Research Foundation at researchfoundation@ncte.org.

Teacher Grant Program Requirements follow

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Grant Application Process

Eligibility Requirements

To apply, applicants must

- currently work as a teacher of children and youth at any level, birth through grade 12
- prepare an application package: cover sheet, proposal, and one-page résumé
- submit a completed application package electronically, as directed (see below)

If awarded, applicants must:

- join NCTE and remain a member in good standing throughout the award period
- be willing to present Research Foundation-supported work at the NCTE Annual Convention, held each November (with automatic acceptance to the Research Foundation's sponsored session)
- give NCTE publications the first right of refusal for any research manuscript produced from the Research-Foundation supported project

Proposal Instructions

In your proposal, please include each of the sections requested in the order in which they appear in the table below. The questions each section addresses are provided to help guide your responses.

Order	Section	Questions Addressed
1	Research Question	What am I investigating and why? What do I want to learn? _____
		Ensure that your research question is focused and explains fully what you plan to investigate.
2	Statement of Significance	How does what I propose to investigate matter? To whom does it matter in theory and/or practice? _____
		Link your statement directly to your research question.
3	Motivation	What led you to this proposal? (ideas, stories, experiences, interactions, readings) _____
		Tell a compelling story about how you became interested in investigating your research question.

4	Research Design/ Description of the Study	<p>How will I do this? That is: (a) What is your plan for addressing your research question? (b) What will you do? (c) Who will do it?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Explain how your planned research process will lead to a successful investigation. If submitting a group proposal, include how you will organize the group to support the research and how the participants will cooperate.</p>
5	Timeline	<p>What are the major tasks you will undertake to complete the research project? In what order? When will they be done? How long will each take? If repeated, how often? Why does this schedule make sense?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Make a case for how the research project you've proposed can be accomplished in the time allowed.</p>
6	Statement of Ethics	<p>How I will account for the ethical demands that may arise during the inquiry process, including issues of consent, confidentiality, privacy, reciprocity for participants—what's in it for them?—and anonymity?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>In addition to naming specific concerns, describe possible solutions for addressing them.</p>
7	Budget	<p>Applicants are required to include a budget outlining each expense item and a rationale for expenditures.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>We encourage each applicant to include a line item covering expenses for one teacher's travel to the NCTE Annual Convention (where research will be presented at the Research Foundation's sponsored session).</p>
8	Appendices	<p>A statement from administrator(s) from participating schools indicating willingness to cooperate with you.</p>

Email completed application packages to **researchfoundation@ncte.org**.

Award Management Process

Disbursement of Funds

Funding is disbursed in two phases:

- (1) Upon approval of the proposal by the Research Foundation Board of Trustees, 80% of the grant is disbursed.
- (2) The remaining 20% of the award will be disbursed after the satisfactory completion of interim requirements (see Interim Report, below).

Budget Guidelines

Grant recipients are asked to submit a proposal to the NCTE Annual Convention to present work funded by the Research Foundation. If your proposal is accepted, you may use a portion of your grant to pay for conference expenses. Please include this in your budget.

Research Foundation grant funds may not be used to pay for the following expenses:

- Commercial teaching materials
- Dissertation support
- Tuition expenses
- Indirect, overhead, or benefit costs
- Previously incurred expense related to the project
- Salaries
- Refreshments

Reporting Requirements

Grant awardees are required to complete Interim and Final Reports.

Interim Report (500-750 words)

The Interim Report should be written in response to the questions below. It must also include an updated budget summary.

- What have I done to date?
- What am I learning?
- What issues and problems have come up?
- What questions do I have at this point?
- Where do I need to go next?
- How has my thinking about this issue changed?

The remaining 20% of grant funds are disbursed upon a satisfactory fulfillment of the Interim Report requirement.

Final Report (500-750 words)

The Final Report should address the following points:

- Restatement of the research question
- Summary of findings
- Implications of findings
- New questions