**Grant Title:** INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES - EDUCATION RESEARCH TRAINING GRANT: POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE EDUCATION SCIENCES 84.305B

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**Agency/Department:** U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences (IES).

**Area of Research:** Postdoctoral Research Training Program in the Education Sciences.

**Release and Expiration:** Release date: February 1, 2010.

**Application Deadline:** Application Due Date June 24, 2010. Letter of Intent Due Date April 29, 2010.

**Amount:** The maximum amount of the award is $687,000. These funds can be used to support a total of 8 "fellow" years. The stipend amount for each fellow is $52,500 per year (12 months) for up to 3 years. The fellowship must include fringe benefits (e.g., health insurance and normal fees) at the level afforded to other employees of the applicant institution who are at a similar level and class as the postdoctoral fellows, with the Institute's contribution not to exceed $12,000 per year per fellow. There are no funds for tuition costs; fellows are expected to audit any courses that are part of their training. Thus the total stipend plus fringe benefits per fellow per year to be supported through Institute funds is $64,500. The applicant institution may supplement the stipend and/or fringe benefits with other funds. Additional funds of up to $12,000 per year per fellow may be requested to defray the costs of recruiting fellows. An additional $15,000 total per year (not per fellow) may be requested to support related postdoctoral fellowship expenses.

**Length of Support:** Up to 5 years.

**Eligible Applicants:** Grants will be awarded to academic institutions that grant doctoral degrees in fields relevant to education. An institution of higher education may hold more than one Postdoctoral award and may submit more than one Postdoctoral application as long as different faculty (i.e., Principal Investigator and key personnel) are responsible for the separate Postdoctoral Research Training grants and the grants have unique areas of research emphasis.

**Summary:** The Institute has established the Postdoctoral Research Training Program in the Education Sciences (Postdoctoral) to increase the supply of scientists and researchers in education who are prepared to conduct rigorous and relevant education research addressing issues that are important to education leaders and practitioners and contributing to the advancement of knowledge and theory in education. The specific intent of this program is to prepare researchers to be able to conduct the type of research that the Institute funds, prepare competitive proposals that address relevant education topics, and meet the methodological requirements specified for the Institute's research grant competitions. The Institute's research grant competitions are designed to produce research that contributes to the solution of education problems identified by education decision-makers and practitioners. These research grant programs target key student outcomes and the types of research questions posed by education decision-makers and practitioners. In early childhood, the primary outcomes of interest are school readiness and developmental outcomes for infants and toddlers with disabilities. From kindergarten through Grade 12, the core academic outcomes of reading, writing, mathematics, and science are the central outcomes of interest, as well as social and behavioral skills that support academic learning in school, and successful transitions to employment, independent living, and postsecondary education. At the postsecondary level, the Institute focuses on improving access to and completion of postsecondary education. Finally, for adults with low levels of education, the Institute supports research to improve the acquisition of basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills.

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