Grant Title: NATIONAL ACADEMY OF EDUCATION/SPENCER DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A


Area of Research: Research relevant to the improvement of education. Fellowships support individuals whose dissertations show potential for bringing fresh and constructive perspectives to the history, theory, or practice of formal or informal education anywhere in the world.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: October, annually.

Amount: Fellows will receive $25,000 for one academic year. Approximately twenty dissertation fellowships will be awarded in 2012.

Length of Support: Not less than one academic year (9 months) and not more than two calendar years (24 months).

Eligible Applicants: Applicants need not be citizens of the United States; however, they must be candidates for the doctoral degree at a graduate school within the United States. Fellowships are not intended to finance data collection or the completion of doctoral coursework, but rather to support the final analysis of the research topic and the writing of the dissertation. For this reason, all applicants must document that they will have completed all pre-dissertation requirements and have a specific plan for completing the dissertation within a one or two-year time frame. Applicants should have a demonstrated record of research experience in education. Proposed project must be an education research project. NAEd/Spencer funds studies that examine the efficacy of curriculum and teaching methods, however, we do not fund the initial development of curriculum or instructional programs.

Summary: The Dissertation Fellowship Program seeks to encourage a new generation of scholars from a wide range of disciplines and professional fields to undertake research relevant to the improvement of education. These $25,000 fellowships support individuals whose dissertations show potential for bringing fresh and constructive perspectives to the history, theory, or practice of formal or informal education anywhere in the world. Fellows will also attend professional development retreats and receive mentorship from NAEd members and other senior scholars in their field. This highly competitive program aims to identify the most talented emerging researchers conducting dissertation research related to education.

Detailed Information: http://naeducation.org/NAEd_Spencer_Dissertation_Fellowship.html