

Grant Title: ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING IN SCHOOLS, SCHOOL SYSTEMS, AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: Spencer Foundation Research Programs.

Area of Research: The foundation is interested in advancing understanding of ways to strengthen the capacity of schools and education systems as learning organizations.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: Deadline: May 1, 2013.

Amount: Research grants can range from less than \$5,000 to slightly more than \$400,000. It is the foundation's policy not to pay indirect costs on any proposal requesting an award of \$50,000 or less. For research grant proposals requesting over \$50,000, the foundation will pay indirect costs equaling up to 15 percent of the direct costs of the proposed project.

Length of Support: The foundation funds research grants that range in size from smaller grants that can be completed within a year, to larger, multi-year endeavors.

Eligible Applicants: Principal investigators applying for a research grant must be affiliated with a school district, a college or university, a research facility, or a cultural institution. The foundation accepts proposals from institutions or researchers from the United States and internationally. Researchers must also have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field or appropriate experience in an education-related profession.

Summary: The aim of the Foundation is that educational organizations will not only draw on scientific evidence developed from outside their walls but also strengthen their capacity to learn from their own experience about how to be increasingly effective. The Foundation is interested in advancing understanding of ways to strengthen the capacity of schools and education systems as learning organizations. Understanding the factors that promote and that impede learning by and within educational organizations is an essential element in developing realistic innovations in policy and practice that will improve education.

Detailed Information: <http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/organizational-learning>