



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Information Sessions & Webinars

Information meetings and webinars are available throughout the grant cycle. Check the Calendar of Events at fundforteachers.org for dates.

Proposal Writing Tips

Writing an FFT grant proposal is similar to an open book test. We've compiled tips for crafting and refining your application, including excerpts from funded proposals. The rubric used to score proposals is also available to guide you as you write. Both are available online within the application guidelines.

Teacher Project Search

Wondering where to begin? Get inspired by teachers who have gone before you. Access our online database of fellowships, searchable by destination, discipline or grade level.

You Call, We Pick Up

A program manager is a phone call or email away. Call us Monday-Thursday (8am-5:30pm CST) or Friday (8am-noon CST) at 1-800-681-2667. Email anytime at info@fundforteachers.org.

Why should you apply?

"The Fund for Teachers grant broadens your horizons, helps you think globally, and in all ways enriches your teaching."



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Professional Development on Your Terms



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What do YOU want to LEARN?



Fund for Teachers enriches the personal and professional growth of teachers by recognizing and supporting them as they identify and pursue opportunities around the globe that will have the greatest impact on their practice, the academic lives of their students and on their school communities.



READY TO GET STARTED?

When the world is at your fingertips, it's hard to know where to begin. Ask yourself:

- What do I want to learn?
- Where can I learn it? (*Travel is not required.*)
- Would I learn best on a team or as an individual?
- What is my passion?
- What experience would most benefit my students and classroom?

Do I meet the eligibility requirements?

- Three years teaching experience*
- Teach pre-K-12th grade
- Spend at least 50% of your full-time position in the classroom or classroom-like setting
- Intend to return to the classroom the following school year
- Applicants may apply ONCE per year.
- Grant recipients may apply once every three years.

*Read the application guidelines for detailed requirements.

Special education best practices

Origin of mathematical principles

Green energy innovation

I want to learn...

The cultural heritage of my students

Renaissance painters' techniques

A second language

21st century technology skills



WRITING YOUR PROPOSAL

FFT simplifies the process, providing you the tools to be a successful grant writer.

Be creative. Be clear. Be yourself.

The grant proposal has seven sections, each with specific questions that must be answered. These questions will assist you in thinking about what you want to do, why, and how it will benefit your teaching practice and student learning.

- **Follow the guidelines.** They contain valuable information. Read them carefully.
- **Proofread your proposal.** Spelling, grammar, and editing errors reflect negatively on your proposal.
- **Enlist a friend.** FFT Selection Committees are comprised of readers from all industries. Have someone outside of teaching read and score your proposal. It will help you clarify educational jargon or ambiguous points.

The guidelines and scoring rubric can be found at fundforteachers.org.

Why should you apply?

"This grant was a life-changing experience for me and it could be for you too. It will inspire you, motivate you, and fulfill you."

Individuals apply for up to **\$5,000**, teams for up to **\$10,000**.

Grants are awarded directly to the teacher.



HOW TO APPLY

- Visit fundforteachers.org
- Create an account.
- Select the team or individual application option.
- The team lead must initiate the process.
- Complete all three parts: Coversheet, proposal, and itemized budget.
- **TIP:** Compose your grant proposal in a word processor, then paste into the online application. Proposals should be no more than 18,000 characters (with spaces).

Dates to Remember:

- Application opens **10.1.12**
- Application **deadline 1.31.13**
- Coversheets must be postmarked by 1.31.13. Each team member must complete his/her own coversheet.
- Award notifications will be mailed on **3.29.13**.



Since 2001, Fund for Teachers has awarded \$18M to 5,000 teachers nationwide.