



## PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Innovation and Improvement is providing an opportunity to receive **support** for your educator preparation and development initiatives. Agencies and organizations implementing **innovative strategies** to improve educator preparation and development will receive a thought partner to support their efforts. The thought partners—national nonprofits that received U.S. Department of Education Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) grants—will provide feedback and guidance to support your initiatives.

The support is available to state education agencies, school districts, educator preparation programs, and other organizations that are planning or implementing **innovative** approaches to teacher and principal **preparation or development**. The SEED grantees will provide support that is grounded in their experience implementing evidence-based solutions to support teachers and principals in schools and districts across the country.

We will select up to two agencies or organizations to partner with a SEED grantee. If you are interested, **complete this [short form](#)**.

### Participating SEED Grantees

SEED grantees have extensive experience implementing educator preparation and development initiatives. The SEED grantees available for a partnership are:

- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
- National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform
- National Institute for Excellence in Teaching
- National Institute for School Leadership
- National Writing Project
- Teach For America
- WestEd

These SEED grantees will provide support based on the lessons learned from their grants and educator development initiatives.

### BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE PARTNERSHIPS

- Individualized support to tackle a specific innovation related to educator preparation and development initiatives.
- Guidance and advice on best practices for implementing innovative strategies for preparing and developing educators.
- Insight from a ongoing thought partner with first-hand experience designing and implementing evidence-based teacher and principal preparation and development initiatives.

### TOPICS ADDRESSED BY THE PARTNERSHIPS

The SEED Partnerships can focus on any of these topic areas:

- Expanding the teacher pipeline for hard-to-staff schools and subjects
- Increasing the diversity of the teacher workforce
- Strengthening principal support, preparation, and development
- Establishing new leadership pathways for teachers and principals
- Using feedback and coaching to improve teachers' classroom instruction
- Preparing teachers to implement college- and career-ready standards

### PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- **Attend a full day kickoff meeting.** Meet with your partnering SEED grantee to set out the goals and plan for your partnership.
- **Participate in monthly partnership sessions.** Receive feedback and guidance on your educator preparation or professional development initiative during monthly calls with the partnering SEED grantee (about 90 minutes each). A facilitator will lead these sessions to accomplish the partnership's goals.

### HOW TO LEARN MORE AND PARTICIPATE

Agencies and organizations interested in the SEED Partnerships **must complete this [short form](#)**. To learn more about the opportunity during an **upcoming webinar** or to ask questions about the partnerships, email Steven Malick at [smalick@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:smalick@mathematica-mpr.com).

Read about the first round of partnerships at [this](#) website. Mathematica Policy Research, AEM, and Knowledge Design Partners are facilitating the SEED Partnerships.