



Teacher Quality Partnership Grants

This grant program is the only federal initiative directed to reforming and strengthening higher education-based teacher preparation programs

2017 Fact Sheet

The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) program supports the preparation of profession-ready teachers for high-need schools and subject areas. Under this program, teacher preparation programs use federal funding to reform undergraduate pre-service teacher and school leader preparation programs or to develop master's-level teaching residency programs.

Program Highlights

- Grantees are partnerships among institutions of higher education, high-need local education agencies, high-need schools, or other eligible entities that work together to develop a pipeline of profession ready teachers.
- Grantees are required to provide extensive, year- long clinical preparation to teacher candidates.
- Grantees must provide an induction program for at least the first two years of a graduate's teaching career.
- Candidates participating in teaching residency programs commit to teaching for at least three years in a high-need field in the high-need district where they were prepared for at least three years.
- All candidates are prepared to teach students with disabilities, to teach English language learners, and to teach literacy strategies.
- Grantees are expected to maintain the reforms even after funding ends, and they must provide a 100% funding match.

Funding Background

- The President's budget request for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) eliminates the program.
- This program received bipartisan support and was initially authorized at \$300 million in Title II of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.
- Funding for this program, though, has never surpassed \$50 million through the appropriations process, with the exception of \$100 million dedicated to the program in 2010 through ARRA funds.
- Current funding in FY17 is \$43.1 million.
- In May 2014, the U.S. Department of Education announced \$35 million in new awards for FY14 with an emphasis on promoting STEM education.
- In September 2016, the U.S. Department of Education announced \$5 million in new awards for FY16 with a focus on programs serving rural areas.

What Results Have TQP Grants Produced?

- Schools and school districts involved in TQP are seeing improvements in the quality and retention of their teachers and in the quality of their students' learning experiences and achievements.
- TQP grants have funded significant professional development opportunities for teachers in high-need schools, meaningful induction/mentoring programs for novice teachers, and the implementation of evidence-based reforms in teacher preparation programs.
- Teacher preparation programs at institutions of higher education have deepened their partnerships with their PK-12 colleagues and the communities that they serve.

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East Carolina University (NC)
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