

Dear SPR-NPN Listserv members,

See Funding Opportunities announcement below that I thought would be of interest to those of you conducting research on school-based prevention programs for youth. In particular, see the description of the Social and Behavioral Context for Academic Learning grant competition which is located at the end of the announcement.

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) is pleased to announce its research grant competitions for FY 2008. Within IES, the National Center for Education Research is conducting one research competition that encompasses several research programs that may be of interest to you.

For FY2008, IES invites applications for research projects that will contribute to its education research programs in Reading and Writing; Mathematics and Science Education; Teacher Quality; Education Leadership; Education Policy, Finance, and Systems; Interventions for Struggling Adolescent and Adult Readers; Cognition and Student Learning; High School Reform; Postsecondary Education; Early Childhood Programs and Policies; Education Technology; and Social and Behavioral Context for Academic Learning. In addition, IES invites applications for its predoctoral and postdoctoral research training programs.

Beginning in 2007, grant applications to IES competitions must be submitted via the Grants.gov government-wide portal that allows potential applicants to find grant opportunities and apply for grants. Grants.gov registration information can be found at: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get\\_registered.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp). Please direct your questions about submitting applications through Grants.gov to the Grants.gov Help Desk at 800-518-4726 or by email to [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

For application requirements and instructions, see the Request for Applications located online at <http://ies.ed.gov/ncer/funding/>. For FY 2008, there will be two deadlines for each topic area. If you are interested in applying, please let IES know by submitting a letter of intent by May 24, 2007 and September 6, 2007. The respective deadlines for receipt of applications are July 26, 2007 and November 1, 2007. If you know of any colleagues who might also be interested, please disseminate this information to them.

I am the program officer for the Institute of Education Sciences' (IES) research program on Social and Behavioral Context for Academic Learning (more specific information on that competition is provided below). If I can provide you with any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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#### Social and Behavioral Context for Academic Learning Program

##### Purpose

Through its Social and Behavioral Context for Academic Learning Research Program (Social/Behavioral), the Institute of Education Sciences intends to support research on interventions designed to improve social skills and behaviors that support academic and other important school-related outcomes (e.g. attendance, high school graduation rates) in typically developing students from kindergarten through Grade 12. Under this research grant program, the Institute will fund research to (1) identify programs and practices that are associated with better social skills and behaviors that support academic learning, as well as mediators and moderators of the relations between these practices and student outcomes; (2) developing new programs and practices for improving social skills and behaviors that support academic learning; (3) evaluating fully developed programs and practices for improving social skills and behaviors that support academic learning through efficacy or replication trials; (4) evaluating the effectiveness of programs and practices for improving social skills and behaviors that support academic learning that are implemented at scale; and (5) developing and validating measures of teacher classroom management practices.

The long-term outcome of this program will be an array of tools and strategies (e.g. assessment tools and behavioral interventions) that have been documented to be effective for improving social skills and behaviors that support academic and other important school-related outcomes of students from kindergarten through Grade 12.

For more information about the announcement go to <http://ies.ed.gov/funding/pdf/2008305.pdf>. Follow the link in the document marked "Social and Behavioral Context for Academic Learning. For more information about other grant programs funded by the Institute of Education Sciences, go to <http://ies.ed.gov/funding/>.