Unpacking US Department of Education Grant Opportunities

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Discretionary Grants Information

Eligibility and Forecasts

- Find Grant Programs by Eligibility: who can apply for what
- ED grants forecast: competitions opening soon

Application Information

- Federal Register Notices: competitions and other announcements
- Apply: Deadlines, amounts, applications, more
- Forms

Online Applications

- Grants.gov: Application packages for ED programs
- G5: Application packages on ED’s online grants system
- EDPubs: list of downloadable application packages
IES: Institute of Education Sciences
IES Grants

- Aimed at exploring large problems in the educational system
- Responsive to state of the field
- Highly collaborative
- Interdisciplinary
- Often aimed at researchers who use quantitative methods, but there are also some mixed methods studies.
My own experience

1996–2000 - grad student
US Department of Education – Office of the Educational Research and Improvement

2004–2008 - qualitative researcher
How Can We Predict Who Will Become an Effective Teacher? U.S. Dept. of Education, Institute for Education Sciences

2010–2017 - co-PI
Development Center on Scaling Up Effective Schools. Institute of Education Sciences,

2017-present - Lead PI
Investing in Innovation Grant (i3)/Education Innovation and Research grant
Reflections on US DOE Grants

• Collaborative
• Tailored to concerns in the field and system – respond to calls
• Interdisciplinary
• Multi-method
• Different points of entry
• Build on each other
Questions?