



**Louisiana Educator Research Consortium: Housing Institution
Request for Applications**

Application Due Date: November 17, 2017 by 5 p.m.

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Louisiana Educator Research Consortium will consist of teacher preparation providers from across the state that are interested in conducting research relative to best practices in educator preparation. The housing institution will organize research, seek and receive grant funding, and advise on educator preparation policy matters.

The consortium will also advise on the [Louisiana Quality Rating System](#) for teacher preparation providers. Over the next two years, the Department will seek feedback from the consortium on several aspects of the teacher preparation quality rating system, including:

- Specific methodology for defining a “high-needs” school;
- The definition of a subunit;
- Business rules for the on-site review;
- An index for the value-added measure;
- Licensure assessments;
- Performance profiles.

The consortium will be housed at a Louisiana institute of higher education and will be guided by a steering committee consisting of a member from the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), the Board of Regents (BoR), the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (LACTE). The consortium will also include an advisory board of at least three institutions, including representation from two of Louisiana’s university systems. The housing institution will invite at least one non-university provider to participate.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department is seeking applications from Louisiana institutions of higher education that are interested in acting as the housing institution for the Louisiana Educator Research Consortium. The housing institution will serve for a period of five years and will be chosen by the steering committee. The housing institution must commit to carrying out the below responsibilities:

- Determining a research agenda and timelines, in consultation with the steering committee;
- Acting as the fiscal agent for grants to conduct research;
- Identifying researchers to conduct specific studies and inquiries;
- Delivering reports and recommendations to BESE, BoR, and the Department, including research-based policy considerations.

The deliverables for the housing institution in the 2017-2018 academic year include:

- Establishing the process whereby the advisory board and member institutions are chosen, and choosing the board and member institutions;
- Setting the research agenda for 2018-2019, in consultation with the steering committee and with feedback from the advisory board
- Organizing at least two meetings by April 2018, during which the advisory board will provide feedback on proposals relative to the Louisiana Quality Rating System, including:
 - Business rules for the onsite review;
 - Definition of a high-need school;
 - Index for the value-added measure of the Teacher Quality domain.

The housing institution will receive \$50,000 in start-up funds to support the development of the Louisiana Educator Research Consortium in the 2017-2018 academic year.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Release of Educator Research Consort RFA	October 25, 2017
Deadline to Submit Application <i>Complete applications (with all necessary signatures) must be submitted in PDF format to BelieveAndPrepare@la.gov.</i>	November 17, 2017 at 5 p.m.
Notification of Selection	November 24, 2017

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact BelieveAndPrepare@la.gov with questions or for additional information.

APPLICATION

Contact Information

Name of Submitting Institution:	
Address of Institution (Institution, Street Address/P.O. Box Number, City, State, Zip Code):	
Individual Submitting Application	Name:
	Title:
	Telephone:
	E-mail Address:

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Directions: Please respond to all questions in full, include the requested supporting documentation, and sign the assurances. Responses should be 11- or 12-point Calibri font on 8 1/2 x 11 pages with one-inch margins. Please double space between paragraphs.

1. Why is your institution interested in acting as the housing institution for the Louisiana Educator Research Consortium? (200 word limit)
2. If more than one person will serve on the project team for the consortium, please indicate who will be the lead and provide the names, titles, and a brief bio for each team member. Please also upload the CVs for the lead and for each team member.
3. Provide a brief description of the resources and cost sharing (staffing, financial) that your institution will commit to the consortium. (200 word limit)
4. Provide an overview of your institution’s research experience, including highlights from education research conducted over the last five years. (200 word limit)
5. Provide an overview of other obligations your institution has committed to for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic year that may impact your institution’s or project team’s resources. (200 word limit)
6. What experience does your institution have acting as a fiscal agent for research grants? (300 word limit)

ASSURANCES

I attest that:

- The information in the application is true and accurate.

- I will carry out the responsibilities of the housing institution as listed in this application and will ensure, to the best of my ability, that the deliverables for the 2017-2018 academic year are met.

- I will include representation from at least two of Louisiana's systems on the advisory board and will open the advisory board to non-university teacher preparation providers.

Date

Signatory Name and Title

Signature

Date

College Dean Name

College Dean Signature

Date

Campus Head Name

Campus Head Signature