

Temple University College of Education and Human Development
2026 Special Education Research to Practice
SPED R2P Faculty Mini-Grant Application

General Description

The Special Education Research to Practice (SPEDR2P) Center in the College of Education and Human Development is sponsoring an internal funding competition to support the SPEDR2P center's mission. This competition will provide funding to Temple's CEHD faculty to carry out research based on the goals described below:

The goals of this program include:

- (a) Supporting CEHD faculty with research related to special education, inclusive education, and/or disability studies.
- (b) Preparing faculty for external funding applications that involve special education or inclusive classrooms
- (c) Facilitating research mentoring and collaborations across disciplines that connect special education with other disciplines

Eligibility

Open to all full-time faculty in the CEHD at Temple University.

Application Limit

One application per Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-PI.

Award Information

-A maximum award of \$10,000 per application

-Two projects will be funded, depending on center funding

-Financial Support: The award provides financial support for research-related expenses, such as a summer stipend up to \$5,000; graduate student support; supplies & materials; research-related travel; professional association memberships; and/or conference fees. You may request funds to purchase research equipment necessary for the proposed research but that would not be purchased in the normal course of your occupational duties. This award does not fund standard computer packages, which are the responsibility of the individual's School or College, or software that is a normal component of one's office computer.

Timeline

Application Deadline: 5 PM, April 30, 2026

Notification of decision: May 15, 2026

Funding period: May 15, 2026 – May 1, 2027

Review Process

All proposals will be reviewed by special education faculty in conjunction with the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs according to the selection criteria outlined below.

Selection Criteria

The most important criterion is the significance and excellence of the research, including the research questions, design or approach, and strength of the data. The committee will also consider the clarity, detail, feasibility, and appropriateness of the budget.

Required:

- Projects that align with the CEHD's Strategic Action Plan and the SPED R2P Center's mission (<https://education.temple.edu/serp/about/purpose>)
- - Proposals that support future applications for external funding (e.g., that yield pilot data to incorporate into federal grant applications)

Recommended:

- Proposals that include students on the team (e.g., with student mentoring or training components); and/or

Application Guidelines

Applications must include the following and sent **in a single PDF document** to serp@temple.edu.

1. **Cover Page:** including title, PI and co-I names, department, college, corresponding contact email.
2. **Research Proposal** (maximum 3 pages, not including references), single-spaced, 11-point Arial font with 1" margins.
 - Specific aims/goals of project (including research questions if applicable)
 - Significance of project (e.g. potential contributions to scholarship, policy, and/or practice)
 - Approach (design, sampling strategy, methods, analysis if applicable)
 - Expected products or outcomes
3. **Brief Curriculum Vitae** (CV, maximum 5 pages): include most recent publications and relevant awards and past research)

4. **Team description** (If applicable, 1 page): Each member's name, department/college, role and how the team will work together should be described. Up to three collaborators may be included and submit each collaborator's CV (2-page CV for each).
5. **Student participation and mentoring/training plan** (If applicable, maximum 1 page)
6. **Budget** (maximum 1 page):
 - Itemized list of budget items and justification of each
 - Total funding requested
 - Include and identify support from other sources (if applicable)

7. **Appendix:** You can submit an appendix of "additional supplemental information" that contains a maximum of one page of figures, tables, references from the application, or other material that supplements your narrative, as well as a second page consisting only of references.

Post-award Requirements:

IRB: You must indicate if your proposed project will require human-subjects approval. In most cases the IRB must decide whether a project is exempt; the PI cannot make this decision. Do not assume that existing/secondary or purchased data sets, data from social media, or other sources of data do not require IRB approval. If you receive this research funding award, activating that award will be contingent on your obtaining any required approvals.

Report: Faculty need to submit a three-page report to the center director and the Dean at the end of the grant cycle.

Submit the application in a single pdf file to:

serp@temple.edu

If you have questions, contact Dr. Joseph Boyle