



Political Action Initiative: Literature Review Mini-Grants

Purpose: The New York Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (NYACTE) has identified a need for its membership to have a clear understanding of the current research on the topics in teacher preparation in order for its members to respond quickly and appropriately to those political initiatives that detract from or do not contribute to furthering effective teacher education practices in their efforts to improve public education.

Scope of the Work: Proposals for these grants should include the following:

- Selection of a topic from among the four critical questions below:
 1. What are the critical characteristics and performances of pre-service candidates that are related to improving P-12 student achievement?
 2. What does the research indicate about the impact of different fieldwork models on teacher effectiveness (e.g., teacher residency, developmental fieldwork connected to teacher education course work)?
 3. How have P-16 data management systems been used to inform effectiveness in teacher effectiveness?
 4. What does the research indicate about the effectiveness of varied pathways of teacher education (e.g., alternative and traditional routes and providers).
- Short description of the topic, including general issues associated with the topic, and guiding questions for the review (500 words)
- Description of data bases to be utilized in the review
- Number of studies to be reviewed
- Current Vita of applicant (If applicant is a graduate student, please also include a letter of recommendation from faculty advisor.)

Expected Outcomes:

The outcomes of this initiative will be a full article summarizing the extant literature on the topic and an abstract of findings to be published in *Excelsior* and distributed to members of NYACTE and NYSATE. The article and abstract will also be used to develop a white paper.

Selection: An ad hoc committee of members of the Boards of NYACTE and NYSATE will review proposals and award the grants.

Award and Time Frame:

NYACTE is offering up to 4 mini-grants of \$1000 each for literature reviews to be completed by February 15, 2010.

Proposals are due to Joanne Curran, 205A Fitzelle Hall, SUNY Oneonta, NY 13820 by December 7, 2009.

Announcement of recipients will be December 15, 2009.