

The Randi A. Engle Innovation Grant Award

Call for Proposals – Due September 30, 2016

We invite proposals for small start-up grants from students in the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Berkeley who have an innovative research idea related to the transformation of teaching and learning. Funding awards for the 2016-2107 academic year will be for \$400 or more, with total funding of up to \$1,200. Students may apply as individuals or as a team.

This award honors Randi A. Engle, Associate Professor of Cognitive Science and the Social Context of Learning, who was known for studying “intellectually powerful learning environments” and identifying the principles that foster “productive disciplinary engagement.” Engle taught the GSE course “Discourse and Learning in Mathematics and Science Classrooms,” exploring foundational perspectives on how language, communication and social interaction influence learning. She developed the course “Ambitious Instruction,” which brought together credential and doctoral students to develop and document powerful classroom lessons, and served as faculty advisor for “Teacher Research into Revolutionary Approaches to Mathematics and Science Education,” a course initiated by a group of prospective math and science teachers motivated to use research to transform classroom teaching and learning.

CRITERIA

All current students enrolled in a program of graduate study in the GSE are eligible to be considered for this grant award. To be considered, students should submit a proposal of 1-2 single-spaced pages (in 12 pt font, with standard margins) and a letter from a faculty member. The letter of application should explain why the proposed project represents an innovative contribution to the field of teaching and learning. The accompanying letter of recommendation should speak both to the innovative qualities of the proposal and the ability of the student(s) to carry out the work.

Please submit materials via email to Karen Sullivan, GSE Fellowship Coordinator at karens@berkeley.edu by September 30, 2016.

SELECTION

Award recipients will be identified through a proposal competition and selected by the Fellowship Committee in accordance with award criteria and GSE procedures. Award notifications will be made by October 24, 2016.

REPORTING

Support for the Engle Grant is made possible by the generosity of private donors who are interested in learning about the students they are helping. The recipient of the Engle Grant will provide a personal letter, to be included in the University’s annual report to the donors. Please send your letter via email to Cecilia Winfield, GSE Development Associate at cwinfield@berkeley.edu by November 1, 2016.

Funds may be expended over a one-year period. Award recipients will provide a brief 1-2 page report by March 30, 2017 describing the progress of the innovative research project, and are expected to present their project at the GSE’s Research Day in April 2017. A final report will be required at the end of the project.