Looking for funds to support self-designed professional learning for teachers?

Fund for Teachers provides educators, possessing a broad vision of what it means to teach and learn, the resources needed to pursue self-designed professional learning experiences. FFT grants are used for an unlimited variety of projects; all designed to create enhanced learning environments for teachers, their students and their school communities. We believe that supporting teachers' active participation in their own professional growth, positively impacts student learning and achievement.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Employed full-time as a PreK-12th grade teacher and spends at least 50% of their work week in direct instruction with students in a classroom or classroom-like setting;
- Intends to continue teaching in the consecutive school year; and
- Has at least three years teaching experience as a PreK-12th grade teacher.

Individuals may apply for up to $5,000 and teams may apply for up to $10,000 (while team members may be from different schools, districts or states, all members must meet the eligibility criteria). Upon award, Fellows will receive 90 percent of their grant award, the remaining 10 percent to be reimbursed upon completion of post-fellowship requirements.

Need project ideas? Here are some samples of previously awarded projects:

Research through Science in the Sea, Alaska's sea life, culture, and environment with the assistance of naturalist John Scheerens to incorporate the study of Alaska into a unit that uses each component of STEM education.

Investigate design-to-implementation of Green Roof construction in Copenhagen, one of the five most sustainable cities with a mandatory green roof policy, to establish a new case study about the practice and collaborate with students to install a green roof on the school.

Participate in the Teachers College Summer Reading Program at Columbia University in New York City to continue implementing reading and writing workshops with current technology.

Check out the webpage for more sample projects, grant guidelines, grant writing tips, and the application.

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