

September 2025



Grant Opportunities

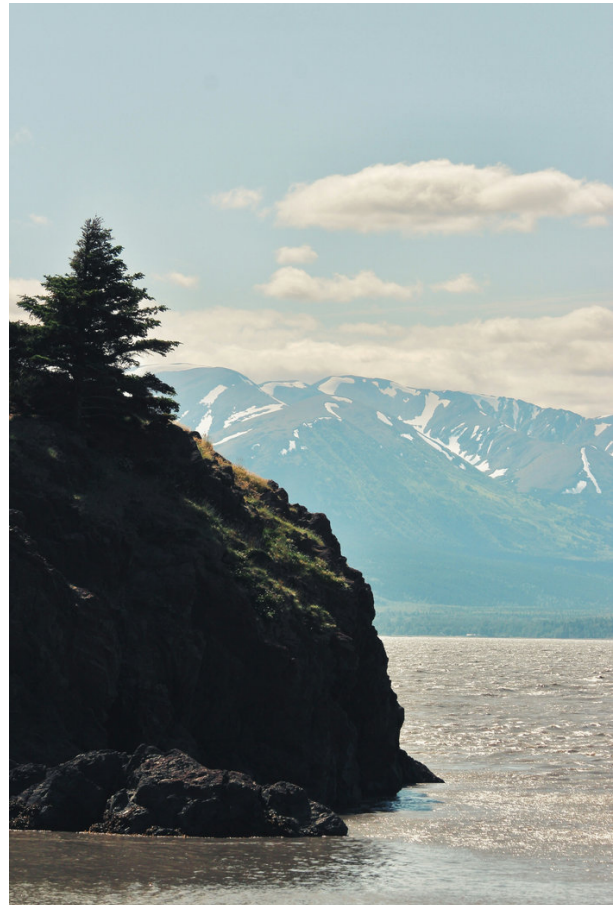
DEADLINE SOON:

Coastal Program FY25

Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service

This community-based program helps coastal areas with technical and financial support to address complex conservation challenges of priority coastal ecosystems. Support is mainly provided through cooperative agreements with conservation partners and landowners, including state and Tribal agencies. The goal is to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitats on both public and private lands.

Deadline: September 30, 2025





Advanced Technological Education (ATE)

National Science Foundation

Program supports the education of technicians for the high-technology fields and involves partnerships between academic institutions (grades 7-12, IHEs), industry, and economic development agencies to promote improvement in the education of science and engineering technicians.

Deadline: October 2, 2025

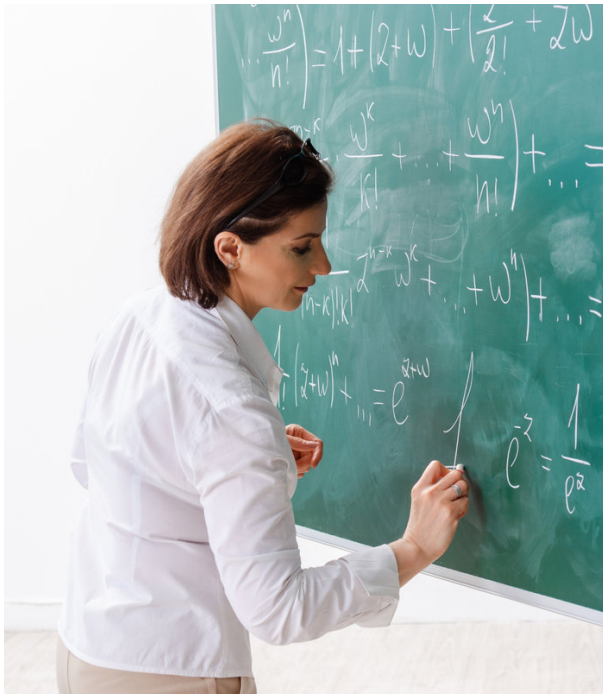
EDU Core Research

National Science Foundation

Program supports fundamental research that contributes to the general, explanatory knowledge that underlies STEM education in one or more of the three broadly conceived Research Areas: Research on STEM Learning and Learning Environments, Research on Broadening Participation in STEM fields, and Research on STEM Workforce Development.

Deadline: October 2, 2025





Research Experiences for Teachers in Engineering and Computer Science

National Science Foundation

Program supports authentic summer research experiences in engineering or computer science for K-14 educators to foster long-term collaborations between universities, community colleges, school districts, and industry partners.

Deadline: October 8, 2025



Check out the entire list of [grant opportunities](#) we've curated for you.
Contact [Shaffer Evaluation Group](#) if you're looking for support in writing evaluation plans for grant applications.



Key Considerations for Evaluating Career and Technical Education Programs



Shaffer Evaluation Group partners with a wide range of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs supported by various grant initiatives, including the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), the Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP), and the National Science Foundation (NSF). SEG evaluation project manager Stacy Ashworth discusses key considerations for evaluating CTE programs in this month's [blog post](#).

Project Spotlight: Randolph Field Independent School District

Shaffer Evaluation Group is proud to collaborate with several health science-focused Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, including Randolph Field Independent School District's (RFISD) 2021 initiative, *Promoting Military-Connected Student Excellence in the Health Sciences*. As part of this innovative project, the district developed a fully equipped health science CTE classroom designed to immerse students in real-world healthcare environments. The space features personal protective equipment (PPE) stations, phlebotomy stations stocked with supplies for blood draws, a simulated pediatric office, and a functioning front desk complete with a working phone—allowing students to gain hands-on experience across multiple facets of the health science field.

At RFISD, students participating in the program can earn four industry-recognized certifications: Certified Phlebotomy Technician, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, Basic Life Support (BLS), and the CareerSafe General Health Industry Certification. These credentials not only validate their skills but also give them a competitive edge if they pursue careers in healthcare.



Project Closeouts

During the last month, SEG submitted its final evaluation report for a few projects we've worked on for the past three to five years. Congratulations to these institutions on successfully completing their grant projects to build community and institutional capacity, increase access to education, and improve the lives of underserved students and communities.

Eastern Oregon University

Achieving Careers for Rural Oregon Student Success (2022-2025), supported by the U.S. Department of Education

[Learn more](#)

Florida International University

Commons for Justice: Race, Risk and Resilience (2020-2025), supported by the Mellon Foundation

[Learn more](#)

Notes from the Nation's Capitol

The past few weeks has brought our community more challenges as the federal investment in education is reduced. Catch up on important news stories out of Washington, DC.



[Trump administration ending grants for colleges with large minority student populations](#) (The Hill, Sept. 11, 2025)

[Trump canceled millions for special education teacher training. What's next?](#) (Education Week, Sept. 8, 2025)

[\\$5 billion in federal funding for nine K-12 formula grant programs hangs in the balance between White House and Senate proposals](#) (Learning Policy Institute, Aug. 26, 2025)

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