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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice Announcing From Seedlings to Scale and Transformative Research in Special Education Grants Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) at the U.S. Department of Education (ED) is soliciting applications for new awards of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 From Seedlings to Scale and Transformative Research in Special Education grants programs, Assistance Listing Numbers (ALNs) 84.305J and 84.324T.

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* “APPLY” function by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time December 11, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FY 2027 application notices and instructions include program foci, requirements, and scientific peer review criteria for each competition listed below. IES is announcing the following competitions:

National Center for Education Research (NCER) Competition: From Seedlings to Scale Grants Program (ALN 84.305J). Under this competition, NCER will consider only Phase One applications that address the “C-STEP — Coordinating Systems to Translate Evidence into Policy and Practice” focus area.

National Center for Special Education Research (NCSE) Competition: Transformative Research in Special Education (ALN 84.324T). Under this competition, NCSE will consider only Phase One applications that propose to research and develop transformative solutions to dramatically improve preservice teacher education systems so they can better attract, train, and retain preK-12 general and special education teachers who are prepared to provide high-quality instruction and substantially improve outcomes for students with or at risk for disabilities.

Maximum Award and Duration: For the From Seedlings to Scale Grants Program (ALN 84.305J), the maximum Phase One award is \$500,000 for a one-year project period. For

the Transformative Research in Special Education (ALN 84.324T) program, the maximum Phase One award is \$3,750,000 for a three-year project.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions that have the ability and capacity to conduct scientifically valid research are eligible to apply. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, institutions of higher education and non-profit, for-profit, public, or private organizations and entities.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9501 et seq.

To Apply: The complete funding opportunity announcements and all information needed to apply, including program requirements, are available on ED's website at <https://ies.ed.gov/funding/grants> and on Grants.gov at

Name and ALN	Grants.gov link
From Seedlings to Scale Grants Program (ALN 84.305J)	https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/364086
Transformative Research in the Education Sciences (ALN 84.324T)	https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/364087

The application notices and instructions on Grants.gov are the official documents governing these grant competitions.

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format.

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