



NNER Leadership and Setting Development Grants (2013-2015)

Call for Proposals

The work of the Agenda is an ongoing process. And, it requires participation at every setting. The Executive Council and the Governing Council (GC) wish to stimulate greater involvement for larger numbers of participants within our settings and provide opportunities for potential settings to learn from and with NNER colleagues. Additional forums outside of the Summer Symposium could include regional symposiums and regional leadership associate programming.

Background:

At the October GC meeting in Denver, the Governing Council agreed that NNER should use our reserve account to fund options that support local setting work, advance collaboration, and encourage potential new settings to join in our work. The conversation was grounded on the need to have more local leadership associates-type sessions, a practice that was once more widespread throughout the NNER and is in need of renewal. While a limited number of participants can attend the annual conference, summer symposia, and other network-wide initiatives the governing council recognizes that these are not sufficient to deepen connections to the NNER mission throughout the wide ranging membership within each setting. It also recognizes the benefits of people working with colleagues from other settings and in various roles and that connections among colleagues in neighboring institutions can lead to increasing NNER membership. To address this need the executive board, at its December meeting, approved allocating \$12,000 annually over a three year period (2013-2015) to support up to ten local efforts to provide leadership development and increase commitment to the NNER mission. Individual proposals can be submitted for up to \$3000.

Following is a call for proposals for settings interested in planning and delivering local leadership sessions patterned after the Leadership Associates program developed by the IEI, local leadership development formats, and/or the summer symposium.

The proposal must include:

- Evidence of collaboration with at least one other setting.
- Clear goals or outcomes that address local advancement of the NNER mission and/or AED (i.e. focus on partner school development that provides quality education for all students and authentic collaboration among institutions.)
- Clear description of how participants will be recruited to ensure diverse participation.
- Commitment to include a minimum of 25 participants.

- An outline of the session agenda and materials to be used
- A detailed budget description of how the NNER funds will be used
- Proposed dates for the sessions
- A description of local support such as meeting space, food, chart paper and other materials.

An additional consideration that strengthens the proposal is the inclusion of colleagues in the area who are not in NNER institutions but are interested in our work and our mission. The session must include at least 25 participants that represent tripartite involvement and if possible community partners as well.

Settings may request that the executive director, executive board members, or other NNER colleagues participate in the session. This may include facilitation related to specific content, overall involvement in the session, speaking, leading book discussions as examples.

Proposal Guidelines: (not to exceed 5 pages)

1. All points listed above must be included in the narrative.

Questions to consider when writing the narrative:

- Is the session intended for those new to the work?
- Is it intended to ‘renew’ participants’ interest in and understanding of the NNER work?
- What areas, concepts from the NNER mission/AED/simultaneous renewal will be highlighted based on local needs?
- What strategies or pedagogy will be used to ensure interaction?
- Who will facilitate the session?

2. List the materials that will be used.

The NNER has allocated \$12,000 in each of the calendar years 2013, 2014, 2015 to fund leadership development grants. There is no timeline for these proposals; they may be submitted anytime during the approved funding period. The Executive Board will appoint a committee of three tripartite members to review each proposal and will ensure that no one from the setting from which the proposal comes is a reviewer for that proposal. All proposals will be reviewed within 60 days of receipt as they are submitted and if acceptable will be funded in the order in which they are received. If acceptable proposals exceed budgeted funds in any one calendar year, setting proposals will be funded in the next calendar year. Settings are encouraged to consider and plan for this contingency.

Submit the proposal electronically to Ann Foster at annfoster@nnerpartnerships.org and Greg Bernhardt at gregory.bernhardt@wright.edu