



U.S. Department of Education Announces the FY 2016 Teacher Quality Partnership Program (TQP) Grant Competition!

On May 23, 2016, the U.S. Department of Education launched the FY 2016 TQP grant competition to award approximately \$5 million to support high-quality teacher preparation and professional development for both prospective and current teachers. The [Federal Register](#) contains the complete FY 2016 TQP Notice Inviting Applications (NIA).

FY 2016 TQP Competition At-a-Glance

Who may apply:

An applicant must be an “eligible partnership” as defined in [section 200\(6\) of the HEA](#). The term “eligible partnership” means an entity that, at minimum, includes all of the components listed below:

- A high-need LEA or consortium of LEA(s);
- A high-need school or consortium of high-need schools or a high-need early childhood education program;
- An institution of higher education (IHE);
- A college, school, department, or program of education within the partner IHE; and
- A college, school, or department of arts and sciences within the partner IHE.

Competition Priorities:

The **Absolute Priorities** are Absolute Priority 1: Partnership Grants for the Preparation of Teachers; and Absolute Priority 2: Partnership Grants for the Establishment of Effective Teaching Residency Programs. Applicant must apply under only one of these priorities.

The **Competitive Preference Priority** is Supporting High-Need Students who are members of federally-recognized Indian Tribes and/or who are served by rural LEAs (up to 15 additional points). The Competitive Preference Priority is not required, but it must be addressed in the application narrative if the applicant wishes to be considered for the additional points.

The **Invitational Priority** is Enhancing Cultural Competencies to Support High-Need Students. The Invitational Priority is not required and applicants that apply under this priority will not be given any additional points for addressing this priority.

100% non-Federal Match Requirement:

The TQP program requires the eligible partnership to provide a 100% non-federal match, which may be provided in cash or in-kind. Additional information on the match requirement is available in [HEA Section 203\(c\)\(1\)](#).

FY 2016 TQP Competition Information Webinars:

The TQP team will host FY 2016 competition information webinars on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. EST and Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. EST. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend one of both of these webinars to learn more about the TQP program. For more details on how to register for the webinar please visit the [TQP website](#).

Application Submission Deadline: **July 7, 2016**

Applications must be submitted no later than 4:30:00 Washington, D.C. time on the deadline date. Applications must be electronically submitted via the Grants.gov system.

For more information about the FY 2016 TQP Grant Competition, interested applicants are encouraged to visit the [TQP website](#) as well as review the [FY 2016 TQP NIA](#) in the Federal Register, [Title II, Part A of the Higher Education Act \(sections 201 - 204\)](#), and the [TQP FAQ document](#).