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\$9.6 million awarded to recruit teachers in high-need subjects and schools

Sixteen grants totaling \$9,600,840 were awarded to organizations and colleges to support programs that recruit, prepare, place and retain educators in schools with teacher shortages in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subject areas, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education announced today. This is the third round of grants awarded through the STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund, which was created by the Indiana General Assembly in 2013.

The projects funded through this round of the grant include teacher training in STEM subjects, dual credit teacher credentialing, mentoring programs, and programs aiming to retain great teachers. Three more grants were awarded than in 2015.

“These grants are enhancing our efforts to prepare the next generation of Hoosiers for the jobs of tomorrow,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “Rewarding and scaling effective programs throughout the state will help attract and retain STEM teachers who will make a difference in high-need areas.”

2017 STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund Award Recipients

- Conexus - \$171,130
- Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) - \$2,156,289
- Nextech - \$289,705
- Purdue Research Foundation (three grants awarded) - \$785,415
- Teach for America - \$1,628,367
- University of Southern Indiana Foundation (two grants awarded) - \$528,198
- Project Lead The Way - \$829,098
- Hoosier STEM Academy - \$1,582,584
- University of Evansville - \$113,551
- University of Indianapolis - \$262,801
- Indiana University Foundation (three grants awarded) - \$1,253,702

Read more about each of the programs selected [here](#).

Programs that received grant awards demonstrated strong potential to increase the numbers of teachers properly trained and credentialed to teach STEM subjects in Indiana public K-12 schools. Teachers who receive support through these grants are required to work in eligible Indiana public schools.

Winning programs were selected by a committee of K-12, higher education and workforce stakeholders. [Learn more about the STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund awards here.](#)