

## **Project Timelines and Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Project timelines and award amounts**

Applications are due at the close of business on February 2, 2004.

Projects will be funded from March 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005.

Selected projects will be awarded between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

### **Focus of grant projects**

1. What is the primary focus of the grant projects?  
University teams will submit plans for restructuring their preservice preparation programs in order to prepare teachers who are qualified to teach not only special education, but also secondary core academic subjects while satisfying the “highly qualified” requirements of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. Bonus points will be awarded to applications that focus on restructuring all college/university preservice teacher preparation programs so that all personnel, including those in general education, will be prepared to teach all students.
2. Are restructured programs expected to be operational by the end of the grant period?  
Yes, restructured programs will be expected to be operational by August 2005.
3. Can several institutions collaborate on a project?  
Yes, several institutions may collaborate on one project but one of the institutions must agree to be the sole fiscal agent for submission of the applications and for receiving funds from the Department of Education.
4. Does the range in award amounts change for collaborative projects?  
Funding for collaborative projects will be determined by the number of institutions collaborating on the effort and the extent of restructuring occurring in preservice programs at each institution.

### **Who can apply**

5. Who is eligible to apply?  
Faculty and other staff from Florida public or private colleges and universities with approved preservice personnel preparation programs for K-12 special education and secondary general education are eligible to apply for grant funds.

### **How to apply**

6. How can I get a copy of the application?  
Applications are available through the Florida Department of Education’s Paperless Communications System. You may also click on the [grant](#)

application link, or contact Evelyn Dowery by phone at the Florida Department of Education (850) 245-0475/SC 205-0475, or by e-mail: [evelyn.dowery@fldoe.org](mailto:evelyn.dowery@fldoe.org).

7. Where do I send my application materials?

Application materials should be sent to the following address:

Bureau of Grants Management  
Florida Department of Education  
Turlington Building, Room 325  
325 West Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

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