



**TRIVIUM CONSULTING:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY BRIEF**



**Department of Education
FIRST IN THE WORLD PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

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SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Applications Available: May 16, 2014

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 30, 2014.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 29, 2014.

FUNDING

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

The range of awards listed below is the total amount for a 48 month budget period.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$2,000,000-\$4,000,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$3,000,000.

See the Budget Instructions in the application package.

Estimated Number of Awards: 19-38.

Evidence Standard and Logic Model: All applications must meet the evidence standard of Strong Theory and include a logic model (as defined in this notice). Applicants may submit a rationale for any intervention(s) that has not been tried or that only has been marginally considered and explored at the applicant institution or elsewhere.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education and consortia of such institutions are eligible to apply. Applicants are encouraged to partner with other public and private organizations and agencies. To be eligible for an award, an application for a FITW Development grant must be supported by a Strong Theory and include a logic model for the proposed project.

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COST SHARING OR MATCHING

Cost Sharing or Matching: This program does not require cost sharing or matching.





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PURPOSE

The FITW program plays a key role in the President's plan to make college more affordable for students and families, as it aims to develop an evidence base of effective practices for ensuring that more students can access, persist in, and complete postsecondary study. Successful FITW projects will support greater college affordability for students, through the implementation and evaluation of practices and strategies that have the potential to reduce costs while delivering high-quality academic programs to students. Institutions of higher education or consortia of such institutions are eligible applicants for FITW grants. We encourage applicants to partner with public and private institutions and agencies that can assist applicants to achieve the goals of their projects.

ABSOLUTE PRIORITIES

Absolute Priority I: —Increasing Access and Completion for Underrepresented, Underprepared, or Low-Income Students

Absolute Priority II: —Increasing Community College Transfer Rates to Four-Year Colleges for Underrepresented, Underprepared, or Low-Income Students

Absolute Priority III:—Increasing Enrollment and Completion of Underrepresented, Underprepared, or Low-Income Students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Degree and Certificate Programs

Absolute Priority IV: —Reducing Time to Completion, Especially for Underrepresented, Underprepared, or Low-Income Students

Absolute Priority V: —Improving College Affordability, Especially for Underrepresented, Underprepared, or Low-Income Students

COMPETITIVE PREFERENCE PRIORITY

Under this priority we support projects that provide supporting evidence that meets the Evidence of Promise definition (as defined in this notice), in addition to meeting the definition of Strong Theory that all applicants must address. Note: An applicant addressing this competitive preference priority must identify up to two study citations that meet this standard. Relevant studies will be reviewed to determine if they meet the What Works Clearinghouse Evidence Standards. The link for the What Works Clearinghouse Procedures and Standards.

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