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**Attachments:** research\_grants\_on\_education\_small.pdf; Spencer Foundation Small Grants General Application Feedback and Tips.pdf; RFP-Small-Grants\_Updates-Dec-25-v2.pdf  
**Importance:** High

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**Research Funding Opportunities**  
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**Please note that this information is sent to a distribution list of all SU researchers. It may, therefore, be possible that this specific call is not applicable to your specific research field. We trust that future calls will be relevant.**

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**TO: ALL SU RESEARCHERS // AAN: ALLE US NAVORSERS**

**Dear colleagues // Beste kollegas**

Applications for the Spencer Foundation Small Research Grants on Education are now open.

The Small Research Grants on Education Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets up to \$50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years.

This program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or location. The goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education. Proposals to the Small Research Grants on Education program must be for research projects that aim to study education. Proposals for activities other than research are not eligible (e.g., program evaluations, professional development, curriculum development, scholarships, capital projects, software development). Additionally, proposals for research studies focused on areas other than education are not eligible.

**Please find attached the call document and the Small Grants Updates document for further information.**

**For assistance and general guidance in preparing your proposal, kindly refer to the attached Spencer Foundation General Feedback and Tips.**

Funding Opportunity	Disciplines	Categories to be funded	Eligibility / Special Conditions	Funding	How to apply
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<b>Spencer Foundation - Small Research Grants on Education Program</b>	All Disciplines (Education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaries (PI, Co-PI, Postdoctoral Research Assistant, Graduate Student, Researcher, Undergraduate Researcher, Other Research Staff, Other Staff, Supplemental PI Course Release, Supplemental Co-PI Course Release)</li> <li>• Benefits (PI Benefits, Co-PI Benefits, Researcher Benefits, Other Staff Benefits, Tuition/Fees, Supplemental Course Release Benefits)</li> <li>• Other Collaborator (Independent Consultant, Advisor)</li> <li>• Travel (Project Travel, Conference or Dissemination Travel)</li> </ul>	<p>SU Full-time Academic Staff Member</p> <p>Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs applying for a Small Research Grant on Education must have an earned doctorate (<b>PhD</b>) in an academic discipline or professional field.</p>	<p>Proposed budgets for this program are limited to <b>\$50 000</b> for a duration of up to Five (5) Years.</p> <p><b><i>*Proposed budgets for this program may not include indirect cost charges per Spencer's policy.</i></b></p> <p>Please contact the following persons to assist with regards to completing the budget for the Small Research Grants on Education program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Zenkosi Nonzinzi</b> (<a href="mailto:zenkosinonzini@sun.ac.za">zenkosinonzini@sun.ac.za</a>) - SU Main Campus</li> <li>• <b>Mr Eugene Baugaard</b> (<a href="mailto:eugeneb@sun.ac.za">eugeneb@sun.ac.za</a>) - Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Tygerberg Campus</li> </ul>	<p><b>Apply Here:</b></p> <p><a href="https://spencer.smartsimple.us/s_Login.jsp?lang=en">https://spencer.smartsimple.us/s_Login.jsp?lang=en</a></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment and Software (Equipment, Software)</li> <li>• Project Expenses (Supplies, Participant Stipends/Costs, Communication, Transcription)</li> <li>• Other (This should only be used for expenses not covered in the choices above)</li> <li>• Subcontracts (Information is pulled from the subcontract budget forms – see below)</li> </ul>		
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*\*Each expense for the project should be added, and the budget narrative field should be completed, providing a description of that specific expense. Detailed guidelines are available within the application form.*

**Kind Regards**

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