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# NIAE Grant and Fellowship Programs

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# NIAE Research Programs

The goal in 2024-25 is to connect talent with innovative research projects advancing the NIAE exploratory studies and research projects addressing **Effective Teacher Retention Strategies for Nevada**



# Research Proposals - NIAE Goals

While the NIAE has an extensive focus area that supports education innovation in PK-20 and workforce development, the preferred grant topics may vary per cycle. Grants focusing on the particular cycle topic will take precedence over others, but researchers are encouraged to submit proposals that align with any of the NIAE goals:

- A. Identify, develop, and evaluate educator preparation practices in response to changing societal contexts.
- B. Produce the next generation of practices for education and educational services for children and families that yield significant educational, social, and other community-oriented outcomes.
- C. Develop scholarship and products (e.g., educator preparation materials, transferrable education interventions, and recommendations for policy and advocacy) that may be transferable to community-centered work designed to engage intersectional, diverse populations nationally and internationally.

The 2024-2025 NIAE Grant Program specifically targets **identifying, developing, and evaluating innovative educator retention practices**.

# Call for Grant Applications

## **2024-25 CYCLE THEME: Effective Teacher Retention Strategies for Nevada**

The 2024-2025 NIAE Grant Program supports interdisciplinary research-practice-policy efforts that advance social justice and equitable access to education and wrap-around services for all students, families, communities, and educators at the local, state, national, and international levels.

The grant program provides funding from \$2,500 to up to \$25,000 for selected projects.

Additionally, it connects researchers with NIAE resources to develop research and project ideas (Idea Nursery), project exploration, project design, project execution/implementation, and dissemination and reporting. NIAE collaborates with research partners to identify and pursue additional funding opportunities for long-term research projects. Special priority is given to programs seeded through the NIAE Fellowship Program.

# Research Proposals - Eligibility

**Eligibility:** The 2024-2025 NIAE Grant Program cycle is open to all Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) faculty; all University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) graduate students; and practitioners/community members practicing in the state of Nevada or working in education-related or educational service organizations.





NIAE Grant & Fellowship Applications are now open.

Application Closes: **Monday, April 15, 2024**

<https://niae.sites.unlv.edu/our-work/research-programs/>



# Research Proposals - Funding Disclosure

The funding for the research grant comes from a generous donation to the Institute with the specific goal of identifying and disseminating next-generation practices in urban education and PK-20 educator preparation.

The funding allocation will support competitive research grants that NIAE will manage. Please note – indirect associated charges are not an allowable expense and cannot be a part of the budget. The only allowable expenditures are items such as stipends, travel funds to promote research activity or professional development, to support activities related to the project (hosting, event logistic support, materials and supplies, printing, graphic design support, videography, professional pictures, etc.) NIAE will manage the expenses on behalf of the awardees.

The maximum amount funded will be \$2,500 to up to \$25,000 for a collaborative group project. Funding levels will vary year to year depending on the outcomes of NIAE philanthropic efforts.

# Research Proposals - Budgets

- Professional Salaries - Requesting Stipends / Compensation (NSHE Faculty, Graduate Stipend, Community Partner Contracts)
- Operations (Participant Incentives, Printing, Software, Suppliers, Advertising, Dues and Fees, and Others)
- Indirect Costs are Not Allowable
- Travel and Hosting Can Be Requested - A Detailed Description is Required
- Budget Management Through NIAE
- Following All UNLV Policies and Procedures

# Proposal Elements

- Title:
- Short Description (200 Words):
- Project Description (Detailed - Include Goals and Impact to Community):
- Statement of Need:
- Theory and Rationale:
- Research Team Members:
- Other Collaborators:
- Community/Educational Partners:
- Research Question(s)/Hypothesis:
- Project Deliverables:
- Timeline:
- Methodology:
- Data Collection Plan:
- Implementation Plan:
- Dissemination Plan:
- Budget Narrative:

# NIAE Grants

NIAE Supports the Research Activities

NIAE Manages the Budget

NIAE Acts as a Bridge Builder

NIAE Disseminates Findings



# NIAE Fellowship Program Application

Application Submission Deadline:

**Monday, April 15, 2024**

Application Closes:

**Monday, April 15, 2024**



# Research Fellowships for Mid-Career Researchers

NIAE Research Fellows will pursue areas of research that align with NIAE's research interests. As part of this program, mid-career research fellows are encouraged to submit proposals that align with any of NIAE's goals:

- Identify, develop, and evaluate educator preparation practices in response to changing societal contexts.
- Produce the next generation of practices for education and educational services for children and families that yield significant educational, social, and other community-oriented outcomes.
- Develop scholarship and products (e.g., educator preparation materials, transferrable education interventions, and recommendations for policy and advocacy) that may be transferable to community-centered work designed to engage intersectional, diverse populations nationally and internationally.

Applicants can receive offers for project-based or long-term fellowships.

## **NIAE Fellowship Application Details:**

- Complete the Application. This form collects basic contact and other relevant information about your project. Complete a Project Exploration Form A to share information of the research project proposal that you will be pursuing through this fellowship. Upload all required attachments.

# 2024-2025 NIAE CBR Fellowship Program

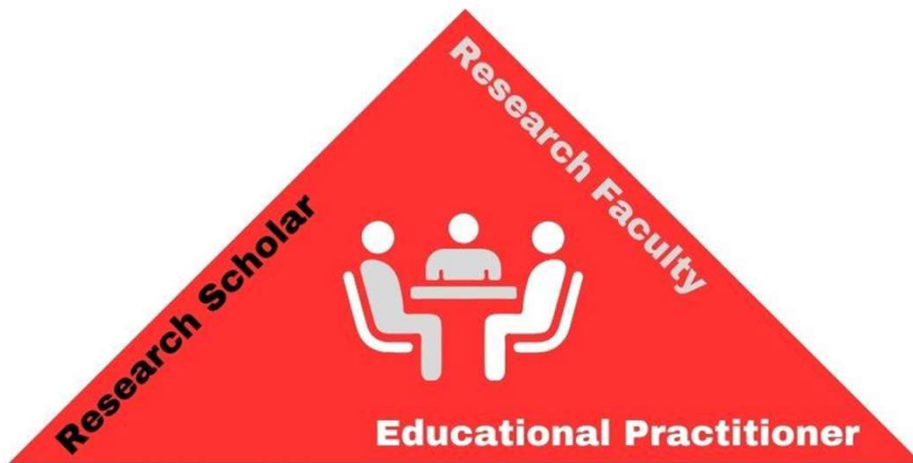
This competitive one-year fellowship program will be composed of teams of research faculty, research scholars, and educational practitioners. The 2024-2025 NIAE CBR Fellowship Program cycle is open to all Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) faculty; all University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) graduate students; and educational practitioners/community members.

The 2024-2025 cycle theme is “**Effective Teacher Retention Strategies for Nevada.**” 2024-2025 Fellows will identify, develop, and evaluate innovative educator retention practices related to this theme. Fellows can apply to the program as individuals, and if selected, will be placed into a research team aligned with their research/project interests or goals.



# Research Fellowships- How does CBRP work?

## Community-Based Fellowship Model



The NIAE Community-Based Research (CBR) Fellowship Program follows a research team trifecta model. These teams consist of **research faculty**, graduate students serving as **research scholars**, and **educational practitioners**, encompassing educators, educational service providers, support team members, as well as community partners. Together, these teams conduct research that addresses community-identified needs in educational contexts.

# CBR Fellowship - Benefits

## **NIAE Fellowship Benefits:**

### **Financial Rewards**

- Research Faculty Compensation
- Research Scholar Stipend/Scholarship
- Educational Practitioner Compensation

### **Professional Development**

- CBR Research and Methodology

### **Support Package**

- NIAE Fellows have priority in presenting project proposals for seed funding through the NIAE.
- An ample dissemination of sponsored project findings
- Additionally, the NIAE may sponsor academic and non-academic presentations that promote the body of knowledge built through the work of research teams.

# Award Options

Types of Support	Time-Frame	Range
Research Scholar		Up to \$10,000
Faculty Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer 2024</li><li>• Fall 2024</li><li>• Spring 2025</li></ul>	Up to \$10,000
Practitioner Fellowship		Up to \$10,000
NIAE Grant	Duration of the Project	\$2,500 up to \$25,000



# CBR Fellowship - Selection Criteria

- Strong alignment with the selected Fellowship cycle theme: **2024-2025 Effective Teacher Retention Strategies for Nevada.**
- Strong alignment with NIAE's mission, goals, and objectives.
- Prior engagement in interdisciplinary research, practice, or policy efforts that advance social justice and equitable access to education.
- **For research faculty:** Proven experience developing research project plans, strength in research methods, and interest in mentoring future research scholars.  
**For research scholars:** Past contributions to research projects and/or future plans to use research to develop evidence-based, innovative educational practices.  
**For educational practitioners:** Demonstrated experience in practice and community service, and the access or ability to incorporate fellowship experiences into educational contexts.
- Demonstrated past ability to work in teams with limited supervision, targeted outcomes, and set deadlines.
- Understanding of the impact of the proposed research project on the community partner(s) ability to improve their community reach and enhance current practices.
- Expressed intention to utilize the fellowship and NIAE resources to generate transferable interventions, and evidence-based policy and guidelines for PK-20 education and wraparound services, and other relevant community contexts.

# CBR Fellowship - Program Rules

All fellowship awardees are to comply with all Nevada System of Education (NSHE), UNLV, COE, and NIAE regulations, policies, and procedures.

## For Full-time NSHE Faculty and Staff Recipients

- Full-time NSHE faculty and staff recipients must follow the NSHE compensation policy (FTE distribution of effort) by disclosing any jobs with other NSHE institutions, as it may affect their ability to receive additional compensation for the grant work.
- As a reminder, NIAE grant recipients planning on concurrently participating in another project/program should also abide by the funding and program policies of the sponsoring unit.
- Research faculty, scholars, and educational practitioners must keep and present a Project Planner & Time Log to track their hours, progress, and completion of the assigned projects.

# CBR Fellowship - Program Rules

For NIAE Research Scholars

## **Students on Enrollment and Academic Standing**

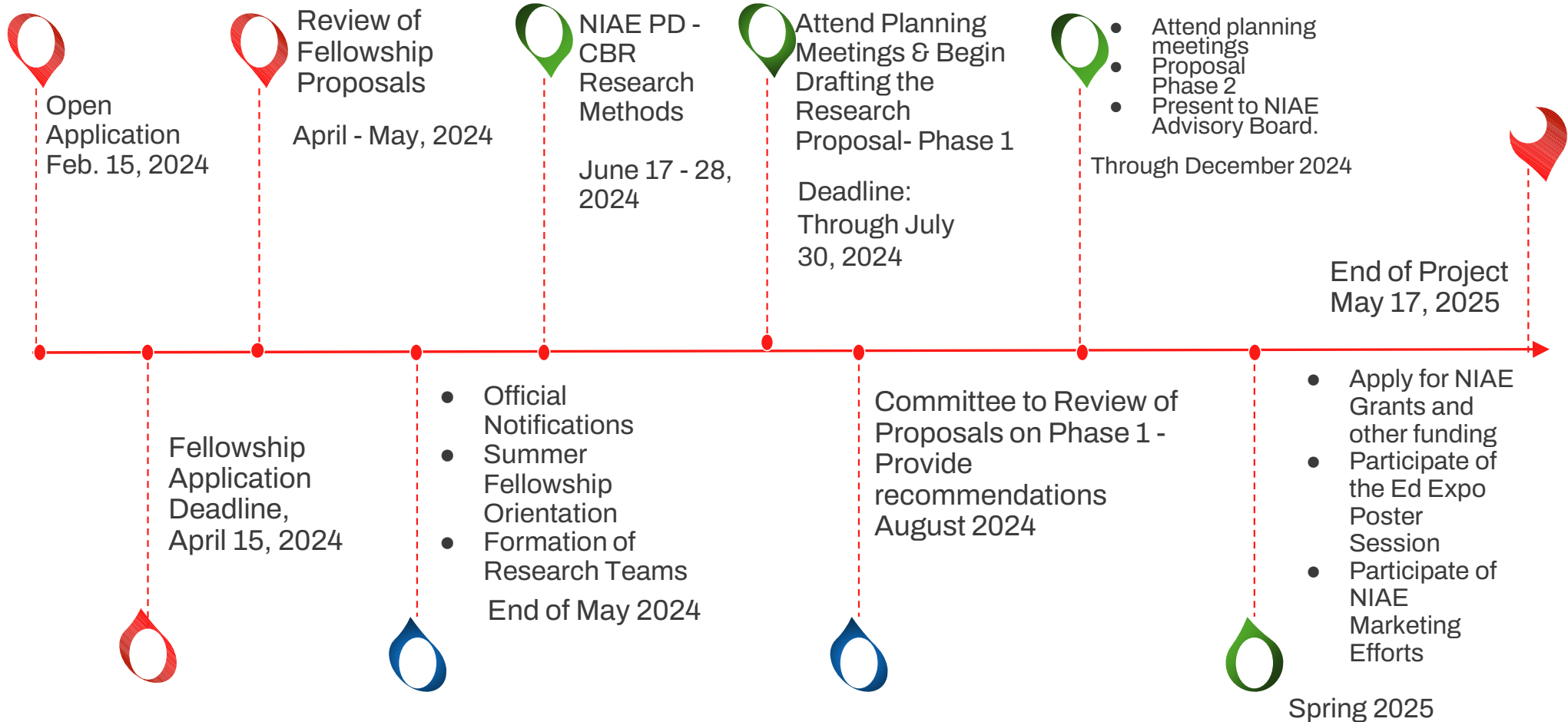
- Research scholars (graduate students) must be accepted to a degree-seeking program at UNLV. Students must not begin their fellowship before their term of admission.
- Research scholars (graduate students) must disclose any affiliation with NSHE grants or departments at the time of application to determine the time commitment they can legally provide to the project.
- Recipients must remain in good standing in their degree program and enroll in a minimum of six (6) graduate credits in each semester of the fellowship year to be eligible for an award.
- Students must meet Financial Aid's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Good standing is required for stipend payment purposes for the duration of the fellowship.
  - While using the fellowship funding, students may not be on a Leave of Absence (LOA). LOA Students may apply for funding only if they return from leave and meet all other eligibility requirements by the beginning of the funded project. Students may not be serving a suspension.
  - Scholarship/fellowship amounts will not exceed qualified education expenses (cost of attendance) and, therefore, will not be taxed.
  - UNLV considers GAs enrolled in six (6) graduate credits full-time graduate students; however, for federal financial aid purposes, a GA enrolled in fewer than nine (9) credits will be considered part-time. This could impact the cost of attendance for a GA in terms of tuition and the cost of course materials (e.g., books).
- Research faculty, scholars, and educational practitioners must keep and present a Project Planner & Time Log to track their hours, progress, and completion of the assigned projects.

# NIAE - Following UNLV Guidelines

- Research scholars who fail to abide by the policies set forth by the UNLV Office of Research, NIAE, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, will have low priority for future research funding opportunities.
- NIAE reserves the right to rescind funding at any given point and time should they be apprised of any policy violations.
- NIAE reserves the right to rescind funding in the event of unaddressed safety or ethics concerns.



# Program Timeline



# CBR Fellowship - Application Details

- Submit an NIAE Fellowship Application\*
- Submit a Statement of Interest Letter and Curriculum Vitae\*
- When possible and/or applicable, present a letter of support from educational and/or community partners
- Comply with Selection Criteria and Program Requirements
- If invited to proceed in the selection process, participate in a one-hour interview (in-person or virtual)

# CBR Fellowship - Application Details

## Attachments:

### A. Statement of Purpose - The statement must include answers to the following questions:

- What are your current academic and professional experiences that make you a strong candidate for this fellowship?
- Why are you applying to be a NIAE Fellow? What do you hope to gain from the experience?
- How will the NIAE fellowship contribute to your future professional and/or academic goals?
- The theme for this cycle is “Effective teacher retention strategies for Nevada.” Why are you passionate about addressing this issue?

**NOTE:** If you are not selecting to apply with a focus on this topic, why do you believe your project focus should be considered? *Please remember all applications aligning with the NIAE mission and goals will be reviewed for consideration.*

- What do you believe are the benefits/impacts and challenges of applying the Community-Based Research Model?
- What are the technical skills you can put into practice through the fellowship? (i.e., programming languages, GIS, R, Stata, etc.)
- What are the resources you would like to access through this fellowship?
- Is there anything else you would like to share with the reviewing committee?

### B. Curriculum Vitae - Upload an updated version of your Curriculum Vitae.

**C. Demonstrate support from a community partner(s)** in the form of a letter or email indicating their interest in the partnership and how the research meets their needs. Please note that if you do not have a letter of support, NIAE will work with fellows to identify and establish partnerships once awarded. However, preference will be given to those applicants with this demonstration of support.

The letter may be addressed to the following:

[niae@unlv.edu](mailto:niae@unlv.edu)

The National Institute for Advancement of Education - NIAE  
4505 S. Maryland Pkwy 453001  
Las Vegas, NV 89154

**D. Additional relevant information.** If available, upload a more detailed description of your idea or proposed research project or provide any additional information you would like to share.

# Fellowship Expectations - Required Elements

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