



THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

# **Innovation in K-8 Mathematics and/or K-12 Computer Science/Coding Professional Learning Grants**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Innovation in K-8 Mathematics and/or K-12 Computer Science/Coding Professional Learning Grant Application Packet

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

<b>RFP Release Date:</b>	February 11, 2016
<b>Deadline for Proposal Submission:</b>	March 29, 2016
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Stacey Lutz Governor's Office Student Achievement 205 Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive SE 952 Twin Towers East Atlanta, GA 30334_ <a href="mailto:stacey.lutz@georgia.gov">stacey.lutz@georgia.gov</a>
<b>Anticipated Award Notification:</b>	Late April 2016
<b>Awarding Agency:</b>	Governor's Office of Student Achievement

## INTRODUCTION

The Innovation in K-8 Mathematics and/or K-12 Computer Science/Coding Professional Learning Grant is open to Georgia school systems or individual public schools serving Georgia students, and Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) or Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) in partnership with an LEA or particular schools within an LEA. The focus of this grant is creating and scaling innovative and effective professional learning models for K-8 mathematics and/or K-12 Computer Science/coding. These professional learning opportunities should be designed to impact the unique needs of a school, district, or region related to student achievement and/or access to high quality instructional opportunities in mathematics and/or Computer Science/coding. Applicants should craft proposals that identify specific needs in one or both of these areas and that make the connection between those needs and the proposed professional learning model. These models should support the development and implementation of engaging, technology-enabled learning experiences, design tools, or other innovative products that directly support maximizing K-8 or K-12 teachers' instructional practice in mathematics and/or Computer Science/coding. Additionally, these professional learning plans should focus on innovative ways to increase the number and quality of application-based models that incorporate skills in coding and programming into mathematics and science classrooms or which foster other application-based, authentic learning opportunities for students. The budget range for this grant is \$50,000 to \$150,000 per application.

## APPLICATION DETAILS

### ELIGIBILITY

The Innovation in K-8 Mathematics and/or K-12 Computer Science/Coding Professional Learning Grant is an 18-month grant program for Georgia public schools serving students in kindergarten through eighth grades in mathematics and/or kindergarten through twelfth grades in Computer Science/coding. Charter schools, as public schools, **are** eligible to apply. RESAs and IHEs in partnership with a school or schools serving Georgia public school students in the grades identified above are also eligible to apply. Eligibility is not limited to a single application; however, applicants should consider their capacity to implement more than one grant if multiple applications are being considered.

## **SCORING**

All applications will be rated using a rubric-based scoring system which utilizes an independent rubric for each of the components identified in the grant application. All applications will be scored by at least two independent raters, and those scores will be combined for a final averaged score between 1 and 100. A brief description of each of the required components is provided in the application packet with materials to support grant development. Applicants are encouraged to use all available materials to prepare successful grant applications. Raters' comments and component scores are available upon request following the review process.

## **PROGRAM PERIOD**

The Innovation in K-8 Mathematics and/or K-12 Computer Science/Coding Professional Learning Grant is an 18-month, state-funded program that began January 1, 2016. The second round of proposal submission opens on February 11, 2016, and newly awarded applicants can begin receiving funds May 1, 2016. The funding period for this grant will end June 30, 2017. Applicants who are awarded in the second round of submissions should be ready to begin professional learning sessions in the summer of 2016 and fully support and implement professional learning targets during the 2016-2017 school year.

## **SUBMISSION**

All applications for the Innovation in K-8 Mathematics and/or K-12 Computer Science/Coding Professional Learning Grant must be submitted via mail. GOSA will not accept applications submitted in any other format (email, etc.), incomplete applications packets, or applications that are postmarked after the submission deadline (March 29, 2016). Packets must include one complete hard copy of the full application body, required forms and supporting documents as well as an electronic version of all documents on a flash drive or CD.

Mail the application packet to:

Governor's Office of Student Achievement  
Attention: Stacey Lutz  
205 Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive SE  
952 Twin Towers East  
Atlanta, GA 30334

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DAYS

All potential applicants are required to participate in a Technical Assistance Day prior to submitting an application packet. Three technical assistance days have been scheduled throughout the state. Dates and locations for these sessions are listed below:

February 16, 2016 – Metro RESA, Smyrna, Georgia

[Register now for Metro site.](#)

February 17, 2016 – Okefenokee RESA, Waycross, Georgia

[Register now for Okefenokee site.](#)

February 26, 2016 – Middle Georgia RESA, Warner Robins, Georgia

[Register now for Middle GA site.](#)

## DISQUALIFICATION FACTORS

Any application postmarked after the deadline will be regarded as late and will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the proposal is postmarked by the specified deadline. Additionally, GOSA will not consider funding any applicant who fails to comply with all application requirements. Disqualification factors include any of the following:

- Failure to address and meet all required content; and/or
- Failure to include application narrative and application attachments; and/or
- Failure to provide a full hard copy of the final application packet in the format requested; and/or
- Failure to provide an electronic version of all required files.

## QUESTIONS

GOSA will provide three technical assistance days for potential applicants. **Participation in one of these sessions is a requirement for application submission.** Application materials will be emailed directly to all session participants at the end of the Technical Assistance Day. Following the final session, GOSA will post technical assistance materials on the GOSA website to support application development. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to use the provided technical assistance documents to complete application packets. Other questions may be directed to Stacey Lutz ([stacey.lutz@georgia.gov](mailto:stacey.lutz@georgia.gov)). Though questions will be permitted until the final date for application submission, they will be answered subject to staff availability. As such, applicants are strongly encouraged to pose all questions as early as possible.