



Grant Funding Opportunities

2021-2022 Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Grant Opportunities

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Bureau of Special Education is pleased to offer two distinct Universal Design for Learning (UDL) grant opportunities for the 2021-2022 academic year to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) including school districts, charter schools, and cyber charter schools.

1. The Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Classroom Resources Grant 2021-2022:

For LEAs interested in improving and optimizing teaching and learning for students with disabilities receiving instruction in the general education classroom through the purposeful selection and implementation of universally designed resources, tools, and lesson delivery.

Outcomes of the UDL Classroom Resources Grant include:

- 1) Enhance educators' knowledge of the principles of UDL as a means to engage ALL students to become expert learners that are purposeful and motivated, resourceful and knowledgeable, and strategic and goal-directed about their learning
- 2) Support educators in anticipating and planning for learner variabilities by identifying and utilizing both known and innovative resources

The maximum funding available for each successful grantee is \$10,000. This grant opportunity is designed to support a minimum of one educator, with a maximum of five educators per LEA, and introduce them to the principles of UDL and available resources.

The Application and Request for Application (RFA) can be accessed from the PaTTAN Inclusive Practices webpage or using the following links:

- Application: <https://fs25.formsite.com/3fHiZQ/UDLResources/index.html>
- Request for Application: <https://www.pattan.net/supports/inclusive-practices>

For questions regarding The UDL Classroom Resources Grant, contact Jeff Mathieson, PaTTAN Educational Consultant, at jmathieson@pattanpgh.net.

2. The Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Optimizing Implementation Grant 2021-2022:

For LEAs interested in optimizing equity and accessibility through the implementation of Universal Design for Learning principles for ALL students.

Outcomes of The UDL Optimizing Implementation Grant are to:

- 1) Support the development/ enhancement of a shared vision for improvement (among stakeholders) to enhance equity, accessibility, and student outcomes.
- 2) Promote expert learning by removing barriers within the educational environment.
- 3) Increase educators' responsiveness to learner variability by equipping them with tools to provide multiple means of engagement, representation, and action and expression through coaching, technical assistance, and participation in a Community of Practice.
- 4) Enhance administrative knowledge of UDL to build systemic change through evaluation of educator effectiveness and implementation of successful student programming that is equitable to ALL.

The maximum funding of \$15,000 is available to LEAs. This grant opportunity is designed to support LEAs currently implementing UDL with a goal of developing/enhancing a systemic approach to these efforts.

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- Application: <https://fs25.formsite.com/3fHiZQ/UDLOptimize/index.html>
- Request for Application: <https://www.pattan.net/supports/inclusive-practices>

For questions regarding The UDL Optimizing Implementation Grant, contact Christine Moon, PaTTAN Educational Consultant, at cmoon@pattanpgh.net.

Local Education Agencies, including school districts, charter schools, and cyber charter schools are eligible to apply.

Grant monies will be awarded to applicants that commit to the:

- Eligibility requirements, and
- Priorities as delineated within the specific RFA for each grant.

Applications must be submitted by 3:00 PM on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.



WEBINAR

An overview webinar to discuss the priorities of each grant and application process is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 10:00 AM

The link to the webinar is:

<https://pattanpgh.zoom.us/j/93987352405?pwd=WXc5RjFOWDV3RVVTejJaY3lmbHM0QT09>

Meeting ID: 939 8735 2405
Passcode: 977478

The session will be recorded and posted on the Inclusive Practices webpage.