

CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING

COMMUNITY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP SEED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Center for Early Learning (CEL) is seeking proposals for seed funding for Community Research Partnerships that support young children's learning and development in formal and informal settings.

Projects will be funded for up to \$5,000, with no indirect costs, for the 2027 calendar year.

To be eligible for consideration, submissions must include:

- One or more Purdue faculty members who are CEL affiliates (to become an affiliate, go here: <https://hhs.purdue.edu/center-for-early-learning/faculty-affiliates/>):
- One community partner from an organization outside of Purdue University

Selection will be based on:

- A clear articulation of the mutual benefit of the partnership: how will the partnership advance the mission of the community organization as well as advancing scholarship on early learning?
- Potential for the work to lead to a larger-scale grant proposal
- Well-developed, sound methodology for a successful project that involves the community partner in a meaningful and substantive way

APPLICATIONS DUE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2026 AT 5PM

Names of all Purdue Co-Applicants (*must be faculty affiliate of CEL*)

Name:	Department:	Role (PI or Co-PI):

Names of Community Partners:

Name:	Position	Organization

Name of Project:

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Please respond to each of the following prompts:

1. Benefits of the Community Research Partnership (how does the partnership benefit both the community partner's needs and the scholarship of the Purdue researchers? – 150 words maximum):
2. Brief Description of how funding will be used (no faculty or grad salaries – 150 words maximum):
3. Expected Outcome of Project (what future grant proposals will this lead to? – 150 words maximum):

Attach a one-page description of project (rationale, hypotheses, methods), single space, Times New Roman, 12pt font.