

Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) administers competitive grants in summer 2017 authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

Authority for the administration of the Improving Teacher Quality State Grant, Title II, Part A, as well as the identification and evaluation of grant proposals, resides with the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB). The Board has been authorized to receive and distribute the federal funds appropriated for this program to be utilized by higher education institutions. The Director of Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) acts on behalf of the AHECB for the solicitation and selection of grant proposals. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas Department of Education collaborate on the review and funding of grant proposals.

ADHE administers competitive grants authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) No Child Left Behind legislation to eligible partnerships. The intent of the legislation is to support projects that:

- 1) Provide long-term, sustained, high-quality professional development for Arkansas K-12 mathematics and science teachers;
- 2) Provide access to teachers statewide, including teachers in high-need local school districts; and
- 3) Result in change of teacher practice in the classroom that increases student performance in science and mathematics.

Federal funding for FY 16 was awarded to the following universities in April 2017 so that professional development for mathematics and science teachers could be implemented in the summer 2017. An average of 20 teachers per institute participated. This award is the last award under ESEA federal legislation for higher education participation.

University	Funding	Project Name
Arkansas State University - Jonesboro	\$55,480	Enhancing Grades 5-8 Science Learning in Northeast Arkansas
Arkansas State University – rural area –class held at Ozarka College in Ash Flat	\$59,075	Inspiring Early Mathematics Learning in Northcentral and Northeast Arkansas
Henderson State University	\$50,619	Differentiating STEM Instruction for Grades 5, 6, and 7
Southern Arkansas University	\$61,363	Transformational Teaching about Energy
University of Arkansas Fayetteville	\$50,422	Energy through Earth Systems in the Elementary Classroom
University of Arkansas Fayetteville	\$50,422	Increasing Algebraic and Geometric Understanding
University of Arkansas Fayetteville- class held in Farmington	\$46,352	Algebraic Reasoning in Grades 3-5 Mathematics: Focus on Fractions and Decimals
University of Arkansas – Fort Smith	\$59,808	UAFS Institute for Middle Level Statistics and Probability
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	\$47,939	The Power of Water
University of Arkansas at Monticello	\$60,888	UAM Expressions and Equations Grades 6-8 Project
University of Central Arkansas	\$57,780	Blending Mathematics and Science Grades 5-8
Total awarded	\$600,148	