

## Spencer Foundation: Racial Equity Research Grants

The Spencer Racial Equity Research Grants programme supports education research projects that will contribute to understanding and ameliorating racial inequality in education. The aim is to understand and disrupt the reproduction and deepening of inequality in education and seeks to (re)imagine and create new forms of equitable education.

Racial Equity proposals that focus on the following areas will be considered:

- (1) Youth and educator mental health exploring possibilities that promote resilience, centre healing, and foster well-being
- (2) Current political challenges in Pre-K-12 and higher education around diversity, equity, and inclusion
- (3) Youth civic education and engagement across learning contexts.

Additionally, as part of the Spencer Foundation's initiative on AI and Education, an additional set of Racial Equity grants focusing specifically on AI and racial equity will be funded.

### Spencer Foundation deadlines:

#### Intent to apply form:

5 May 2025 at 12:00 (Central/Chicago time)

#### Full proposal:

25 June 2025 at 12:00 (Central/Chicago time)

#### Internal closing date for budget approval

5 June 2025 [@Zusake Sokutu](#) and [@Sugandren Moodley](#)

### Eligibility

Principal investigators (PIs) and co-PIs must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field.

### How to apply

1. The application process begins with an Intent to Apply form.
2. Once submitted, you will automatically have access to the full proposal application in our online portal.
3. Guidelines on how to apply: page 4-5 of the attached document.
4. Once you have completed the form, click the 'Submit' button at the bottom of the page. You will now have access to the full proposal application form on your workbench.

**Budget:** [page 6-7 of Racial Equity Research Grants document.](#)

Proposed budgets for this programme are limited to **\$75 000** in total and **may not include indirect cost charges** per Spencer's policy.

Each expense for your project should be added and the budget narrative field should be completed, providing a description of that specific expense. Detailed guidelines are available in the application form.

- The budget form is divided into the following categories and each category has a pulldown menu of the line-item choices listed in parentheses below:
- Salaries (PI, co-PI, postdoctoral research assistant, graduate student researcher, undergraduate researcher, other research staff, other staff)
- Other collaborator (independent consultant, adviser)
- Travel (project travel, conference or dissemination travel)
- Equipment and software (equipment, software)
- Project expenses (supplies, participant stipends/costs, communication, transcription)
- Other (this should only be used for expenses not covered in the choices above)