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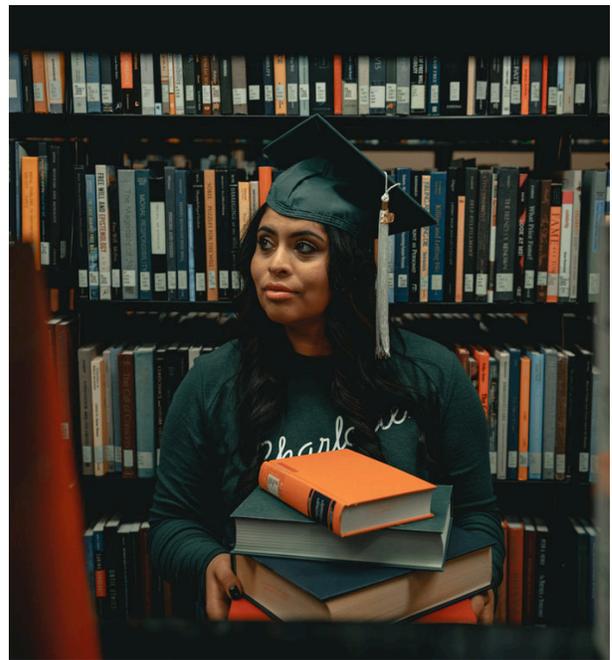
Grant Opportunities

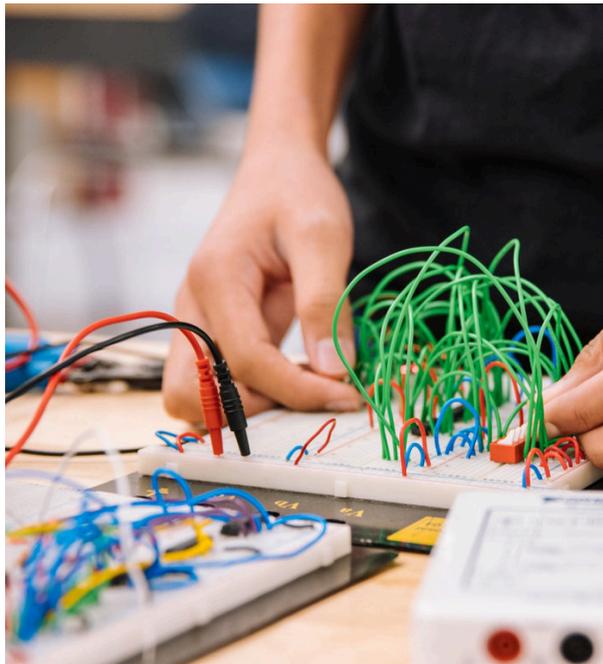
Humanities Initiatives

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program supports projects that strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities at institutions of higher education by developing new or improving existing humanities programs, educational resources, or coursework.

Deadline: May 6, 2025





[Deadline coming soon!](#)

Translation & Diffusion

National Science Foundation

Program supports projects that identify and address issues involved in translating research into PreK-12 STEM classroom practices as well as projects that leverage insights from educational practice to drive fundamental research.

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Grants to Military-Connected Local Educational Agencies for Academic and Support Programs and the World Language Advancement and Readiness Program

Department of Defense Education Activity

Program supports the K-12 education of military-connected students across the United States by providing select local education agencies (LEAs) with funding to implement evidence-based solutions to meet the academic needs of the highly mobile military-connected students in their community.

Deadline: April 18, 2025



Check out the entire list of [grant opportunities](#) we've curated for you.

Contact [Shaffer Evaluation Group](#) if you're looking for support in writing evaluation plans for grant applications.

Welcome Rachel Schwartzbard!

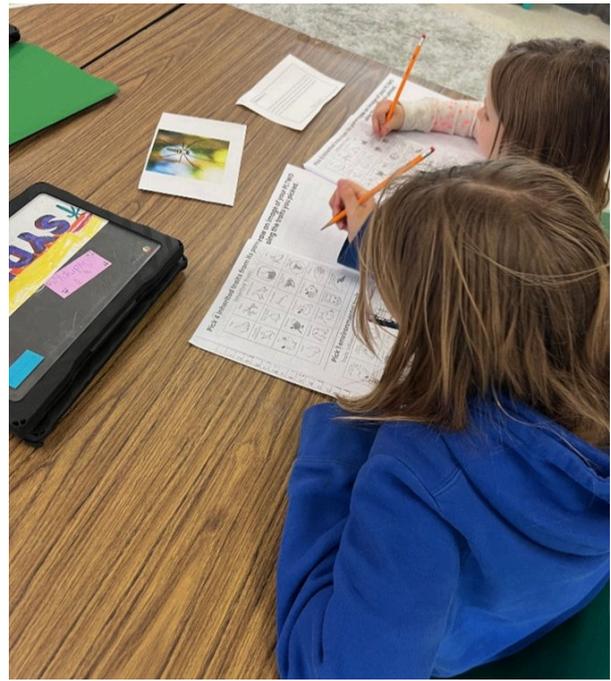
Rachel Schwartzbard joins SEG as a part-time Research Associate this month!



Rachel is driven by the desire to be a part of positive change in people's lives. After five years as a secondary math teacher in Wisconsin, she followed her passion to Johns Hopkins University, graduating with a M.S. in Data Analytics and Public Policy. Rachel joins us after a two-year term at Marzano Research as an associate researcher. She also is the host and creator of *The Manuscript*, a podcast about "eggcellent books and culinary creations" and is training to be a yoga teacher. Rachel is supporting the higher education portfolio and working closely with Senior Evaluation Project Manager Danielle Hollar.

On the Road in Texas!

Recently, Dr. Stacy Ashworth, K-12 Evaluation Project Manager, conducted site visits to four of our DoDEA grantees located in Texas. She first visited **Burkburnett Independent School District** for their 2021 and 2023 projects, Project Healthy SySTEMS and Back 2 Basics. Then, Dr. Ashworth visited our San Antonio grantees: **Lackland Independent School District**, **Randolph Field Independent School District**, and **Fort Sam Houston Independent School District**. During these visits, she conducted focus groups with stakeholders (e.g., students, teachers), observed classes, and toured grant-funded spaces. It was exciting to see the grant funds in action and how they have impacted the school districts.



Navigating Educational Policy Change

The U.S. K-12 education landscape is experiencing significant shifts due to recent executive orders issued by President Trump. These directives have impacted various federal education grant programs within the Department of Education and other agencies, influencing funding allocations and policy priorities. Read this month's [blog](#) by Dr. Patricia Moore Shaffer on navigating educational policy change.



Notes from the Nation's Capitol

It has been another month of dramatic change in Washington. We have heard from our clients about sudden departures of program officers, frozen grant funds, and federal reporting site closures. We will continue to bring you the latest news on federal support for K-12 and higher education.



U.S. Department of Education reduces its workforce by nearly 50%.

Universities across the U.S. freeze hiring as federal funding hangs in the balance.

Education Department cuts agency that compiles "Nation's Report Card" and measures student performance.

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DoDEA Grant Applications

The 2025 DoDEA grant competition is now open! Proposals are due April 18, 2025. SEG would be happy to talk about your ideas and opportunities for collaboration with the current grant competition.

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Read more about educational policy changes in SEG's latest blog post

**On the Road:
Santa Rosa County District Schools (FL) and Beaufort County School District (SC)**

During the first two weeks of February, Dr. Stacy Ashworth, our K-12 Evaluation Project Manager, conducted site visits to two of our clients with DoDEA grants.

We've shared other highlights, shout outs, & resources on our social media accounts over the last month, too – Use the links below to stay connected with us!

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