



## CHICAGO FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Chicago Foundation for Education (CFE) offers Chicago Public School teachers professional growth and development opportunities that translate into enhanced classroom experiences for students. With a staff of five and a corps of more than 250 dedicated volunteers, CFE awards teacher grants, facilitates collaborative networks, and provides leadership opportunities that foster heightened instructional effectiveness.

In 1985, Joyce Rumsfeld and a small group of concerned citizens began working in partnership with Chicago Public School (CPS) teachers to transform learning in classrooms across the city. Since then, CFE has invested more than 6 million dollars in CPS educators, impacting nearly 30,000 teachers and more than 1 million students.

CFE currently offers five grant-based programs and a teacher workshop to encourage curricular innovation and the replication of effective instruction. We also offer Character Education Bonus Grants to fund the integration of teaching practices that encourage responsible decision-making and emphasize the need for teamwork, respect, and tolerance in the classroom. Outreach efforts include Teacher Liaison and Teacher-to-Teacher initiatives and a free, web-based Lesson Plan Database.

- **SMALL GRANTS** enable teachers to implement innovative, self-designed classroom and school-wide curricular projects. Application deadline: October 24, 2011.
- **STUDY GROUP COACH GRANTS** and **TEAM MEMBER GRANTS** bring together teachers in professional learning communities to learn and adapt new instructional strategies. Study Groups are led by experienced teachers who provide ongoing support and mentorship. Application deadlines: February 27, 2012 and May 7, 2012, respectively.
- **FUND FOR TEACHERS (FFT) FELLOWSHIPS** enrich the personal and professional growth of experienced teachers by supporting them as they identify and pursue opportunities that will have tangible impact on their practice, the academic lives of their students, and on their greater school community. Application Deadline: January 27, 2012.
- **ACTION RESEARCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (formerly TNLI)** develops the leadership potential of Chicago's most outstanding teachers to conduct action research in their schools and provides them with an opportunity to share recommendations for improving student achievement with colleagues and educational leaders. Application Deadline: June 18, 2012.
- **TEACHERS AS LEADERS AND LEARNERS WORKSHOP** is one of the only city-wide events facilitated by and for Chicago Public School teachers. Each year, five hundred educators will choose from sixty breakout sessions (including presentations from past award winners, grant writing workshops, resource offerings from educational partners, and more). This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at Whitney Young High School.

For more information, to volunteer, or to donate, visit our website at [www.CFEgrants.org](http://www.CFEgrants.org) or contact Amy Sheren, CFE's Executive Director, via (312) 670-2323 or [ASheren@CFEgrants.org](mailto:ASheren@CFEgrants.org).

