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* The mission of the Department of Education is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.
* Annual overall budget of $68 billion
* The Department of Education agencies  that fund external research are:
	+ [Institute of Education Sciences (IES)](http://ies.ed.gov/)
	+ [Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA)](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/index.html)
	+ [Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/index.html)
	+ [Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)](https://innovation.ed.gov/)
	+ [Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html)
	+ [Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html)
	+ [Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE)](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/index.html)
* [Forecast of Funding Opportunities](http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html#chart2)
* [Discretionary Grant Competitions](https://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html)
* [Grantmaking at ED](http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/index.html) provides general guidance about ED's discretionary grant process.
* [Contract Opportunities](http://www.ed.gov/fund/contract-opportunities.html)

Things to Consider

* [TRIO programs](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html) have competitions every five years. The exception is the TRIO Training program which has competitions during even-numbered years.
* [Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/campisp/index.html)
* [Title III and Title V programs](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/idues/index.html) require IHEs to verify eligibility before applying for a grant.  However, if an IHE is deemed eligible to apply for a grant, but does not receive one, then that IHE must keep verifying eligibility until a grant is awarded.
* [Institute of Education Sciences](http://ies.ed.gov/) has annual August deadlines. The exception is the Unsolicited Research Program which has an annual deadline in March.
* [Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)](http://www.ed.gov/ESSA) is the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that was signed in December 2015.