Purpose: The purpose of the Synergy Grant Engagement Program within the Office of Engagement and Global Affairs in the College of Education is to support collaborative research and development projects conducted by Purdue faculty in partnership with P-12 personnel that strengthen teacher education, improve the learning and development of P-12 students and build partnerships with P-12 schools. Supported projects must be designed and implemented collaboratively by faculty and P-12 personnel, address the goals of the 2009-2014 COE Strategic Plan http://www.education.purdue.edu/about_us/history_mission.html and be conducted in a P-12 school district.

This year we will fund at least one (1) Indiana focused project and one (1) international focused project. Projects that are designed by university personnel without substantial P-12 collaboration are not eligible for funding. There should be clear involvement of school personnel in the conceptualization, planning, and implementation of all proposed Synergy grant projects.

For descriptions of previously funded projects and view the rubric that will be used to evaluate proposals, see: http://www.education.purdue.edu/about_us/OE/Synergy_Grants.html.

Synergy Grant Application Process:

PHASE I

Purdue Education Faculty and personnel from one or more P-12 schools work together to develop a project partnership and a proposal for funding following the guidelines on the attached application (Due 4/15/15).

PHASE II

Synergy Grants Committee prioritizes proposals and selects projects for funding during the following academic year (Due 6/15/15).
Please use the items listed below as headings for your proposal. Proposal page limit is 2-3 single-spaced pages with 1.5 inch margins and 12 point font. Submit your proposal as a Word Attachment to Sidney Moon (Sidney@purdue.edu) Office of Learning and Engagement, College of Education, Purdue University.

2014-2015 Synergy Grant Parameters:
Number of Awards: 2-3
Amount of Awards: up to $3,000
Proposals Due: April 15, 2014
Proposals Reviewed By: May 15, 2014
Funding Decisions Communicated: June 15, 2014
Project Period: July 1, 2014-June 20, 2015
Project Final Report Due: July 31, 2015

Project Title

Project Abstract (<100 words)

Names, Roles, Affiliations, Phone Numbers, and Email Addresses of Project Personnel

Purdue University Teacher Education Programs Involved

P-12 Schools Involved

Problem Statement (What problem are you trying to solve? What will you investigate? Provide evidence that this problem emerged from the partnership and is of practical importance in the partner schools)

Methodology (How will you solve the problem and/or conduct your investigation? Describe the roles of each of the partners and the methods you will use to collect and analyze your data and/or assess the impact of your work.)

Synergy (Describe the partnership created. How will the activities be substantially beneficial to all parties?)

Strategic Importance (Describe the project’s strategic importance to both the P-12 schools involved and to teacher education at Purdue.)

Impact (How will the project enhance preparatory education and the learning and development of P/K-12 students? Be specific about how you will assess the impact of your project.)

Dissemination and Scholarship (How will the project be disseminated to local or national audiences?)

Timeline (Include tasks, responsible person, and due dates in a chart format)

Budget (Funds may be used for project-related supplies, equipment, stipends for P-12 personnel and/or external consultants, and travel; all equipment purchased with synergy grants will be the property of Purdue University).