Purpose:
The purpose of the Synergy Grant Engagement Program within the Office of Research, Engagement, and Global Partnerships 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 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. A reminder – 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 to view the rubric used to evaluate proposals, see: http://www.education.purdue.edu/about_us/OE/Synergy_Grants.html

Synergy Grant Application Process:

PHASE ONE

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 4/30/16).

PHASE TWO

Synergy Grants Committee evaluates proposals and selects projects for funding during the following academic year (Due 5/15/16).
SYNERGY GRANT APPLICATION FORM
2016-17

Please use the items listed below as headings for your proposal. Proposal page limit is 3-5 single-spaced pages (not including letters of support) with one-inch margins and 12-point font (Times New Roman). Submit your proposal as a PDF document that includes letters from participating schools indicating support for the collaborative project to Tabitha Cinowski (cinowski@purdue.edu).

2016-17 Synergy Grant Parameters:
Number of Awards: 2-3
Amount of Awards: up to $3,000
Proposals Due: April 30, 2016
Proposals Reviewed By: May 15, 2016
Funding Decisions Communicated By: June 15, 2016
Project Period: July 1, 2016-June 20, 2017
Project Final Report Due: July 31, 2017

Project Title
Project Abstract (<100 words)
Names, Roles, Affiliations, Phone Numbers, and Email Addresses of Project Personnel
Previous Synergy Grant Information (PI, dates, title of project)
Purdue University Teacher Education Programs Involved
P-12 Schools Involved (including names of personnel, grade levels, subject areas)

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 for 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 education and the learning and development of P-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 chart format)

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