



UNIVERSITY  
**SCHOOLS**  
UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS  
Research Consortium

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University Schools Research Consortium  
(USRC)

# University Schools Research Consortium (USRC)

- Overview of USRC
- 2019 USRC Research Award Recipients
- Funding opportunities

# Who is the USRC?

- Network of scholars focused on exploring, planning, and applying for funded innovative research opportunities connected to our University Schools

# Who is the USRC?

## Current Members:

- Carolyn Kaldon, Chair
- Sally Parish
- Brooke Willis
- Rebecca Scott
- James Smith
- Alfred Hall
- Stephanie Ivey
- Remy Debes
- Terrence Tucker
- Jason Braasch
- Deborah Tollefson
- Kenneth Ward
- Brian Ruggaber
- Lawrence Blackwell
- Todd Zoblotsky
- Andrew Tawfik
- Josef Hanson\*
- Deborah Moncrieff\*
- Shelly Counsell\*
- John Sabatini

\*2019 Grant Writing Award Recipients

# University Schools

- ***Lipman Early Learning & Research Center (ELRC):*** ages 2.5 – PreK
- ***Campus School:*** Grades K-5
- ***University Middle:*** Grade 6
  - 7<sup>th</sup> in Fall 2020, 8<sup>th</sup> in Fall 2021
- ***University High School***
  - Expected SY2022-23

# USRC 2020 Goals & Objectives

1) Continue concrete efforts to seek new external support for research with USchools

## University School Research Consortium: Research in our Schools

School	Current Funded Projects	Under Review with External Sponsor	In Collaboration
ELRC	1	0	1
Campus	5	1	3
Middle	2	3	4
Total	8	4	8

# USRC 2020 Goals & Objectives

2) Host a 2020 Grant Writing Incentive competition

3) Mentorship/networking for collaborative research support

4) Document and showcase successful research-school partnerships

# USRC and University Schools Research Applications

- Serves as a streamlined portal for reviewing, approving, and documenting ***all research activities*** partnered with the University Schools
  - University Schools Research Proposal Application
    - School website: Research tab
  - Takes the place of meeting with school directors individually



# University Schools Research Applications

- Approving all research-related requests to work with University Schools
  - No longer have to also go through SCS for approvals if *ONLY* working in our University Schools
- Sharing out successes & reporting to all partners

# 2019 USRC Grant Writing Award

## Recipients: Chat and Q&A

- ***ELRC:*** Dr. Shelly Counsell, ICL
- ***Campus School:*** Dr. Deborah Moncrieff,  
Audiology
- ***University Middle:*** Dr. Josef Hanson, Music

# Funding Steps:

## Janet Wiens, COE Pre-Award Coordinator

- Establish a profile in Grant Forward
- Develop a brief research interest profile
- Partner with departmental Pre-award Coordinators to identify opportunities
- Research what has been funded in your area.  
Good vs. a fundable idea

# Funding Targets

- ❖ IES – August deadline <https://ies.ed.gov/funding/>
- ❖ NSF –  
[https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_list.jsp?org=NSF&ord=date](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?org=NSF&ord=date)
- ❖ Department of Education  
<https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>
- ❖ Spencer Foundation <https://www.spencer.org/why-we-grant>
- ❖ State of Tennessee
- ❖ Professional Associations – AERA, etc.

# Join Us!

- Continuing to seek new partnerships--speaking to Colleges/Departments to share USRC information and collaborations
- Open to new members, including graduate students and postdocs
  - Ideal to have representatives from each department on campus

# QUESTIONS?

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