Competitive Grant Opportunity Published on the TEA Grant Opportunities Page

TEA is announcing the availability of grant funds for the 2018–2020 Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) and Industry Cluster Innovative Academies (ICIA) Success grant program. Request for Application (RFA) #701-18-101 is authorized by the General Appropriations Act, Article III, Rider 67, 85th Texas Legislature and Texas Education Code Chapters 29.551-29.556 (P-TECH) and General Appropriations Act, Article III, Rider 49, 85th Texas Legislature, Texas Education Code Chapter 29.908, and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Dislocated Workers (WIOA) Chapter 17.278 and Adult Activities Chapter 17.258 (ICIA). The RFA is available on the TEA Grant Opportunities Page.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include local educational agencies (LEAs) that:

- Serve students in Grades 9–12; or
- Are already serving students in Grades 9, 9–10, or 9–11 and will progressively scale up by adding at least one grade level per year.

Additionally, LEAs must also:

- Have been implementing a program similar to P-TECH or ICIA that allows students to: earn industry credentials and associate degrees, engage in appropriate work-based education at every grade level, and participates in programs that create a seamless transition to additional education or the competitive job market;
- Have established partnerships with at least one institution of higher education (IHE) defined in a written agreement; and
Have established partnership(s) with employer(s) defined in a written agreement.


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**Grant Period**

- February 23, 2018, to June 15, 2020

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**Funding**

- A total of approximately $3,900,000 is available for this grant program.
- It is anticipated that approximately 15 grants will be awarded
- Grant awards are expected to be up to $260,000 each.

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**Description**

The purpose of the 2018–2020 P-TECH and ICIA Success Grant Program is to solicit grant applications from eligible applicants who will spend 28 months strengthening and refining current practices that will advance their existing P-TECH or ICIA (or P-TECH or ICIA similar program) campus to distinguished levels of performance, as measured by the P-TECH and ICIA Blueprint. Grantees who receive the grant will be designated as a P-TECH campus for the 2018–2019 school year and are required to work with TEA’s selected technical assistance provider for the 28–month grant period. Activities or initiatives by grantees may include, but are not limited to, aligning current practices to the P-TECH and ICIA Blueprint, continuation of collaborative leadership and decision-making committees, establishing systems for formal data review as well as the creation of data response plans, strengthening student recruitment systems, and increasing opportunities for students to master basic skills and prepare for more rigorous academic classes.

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**Application Deadline**

Applications must be received by the Texas Education Agency by 5:00 p.m. (Central Time), January 9, 2018, to be considered for funding.
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