



Innovation Circle grants are designed to support teachers to refine and reimagine teaching and learning in their schools. Through the process of self-designed learning and Fellow collaboration, teachers will be better able to innovate, partnering with students to solve large and small problems in their communities. Funds to support implementation will also be included.

## Self-designed Professional Learning + Circle Experience = Innovation

In 2021, Fund for Teachers is looking to fund problems of practice in the following categories:

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>EQUITY</b></p>	<p>There are widespread and well-documented disparities in the educational access of groups such as students of color and English-language learners. The intersections of students' identities are also a factor in students' marginalization. This Circle will focus on educational disparities and their research-based solutions. Grant applications may include (but are not limited to) culturally responsive curriculum, critical consciousness, social action and identity development.</p>
<p><b>SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING</b></p>	<p>Social emotional learning has become a priority in many schools across the country. This Circle will focus on the development of social emotional learning practices that serve all students. <a href="#">CASEL</a> defines social emotional learning as the ability for students to, "understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions." We are particularly interested in grant applications that seek to develop equitable SEL programs, foster student agency and build civic engagement.</p>
<p><b>ARTS &amp; DESIGN AS A LEVER FOR EQUITY</b></p>	<p>Explore visual arts &amp; design as a tool to promote equity in your classroom and/or school. Join other teachers, to set a course that supports you to try different strategies including (but are not limited to): expanding your curriculum to better represent different cultures and identities, developing new projects that honor the diversity, leveraging local talent in your community, and student art as action.</p>

Application materials will be available soon! Send us a quick e-mail if you would like to be included on our Innovation Circles mailing list! [info@fundforteachers.org](mailto:info@fundforteachers.org)