

# Urban Education Project

## Collaborative Action Research Program

**Deadline for Applications: March 8, 2006**

The Urban Education Project (UEP) is pleased to announce the Collaborative Action Research Program. The primary goals of this program are to support: a) field-based investigations of innovative strategies that enhance the academic achievement of urban students; b) P-12/university collaboration; c) the professional development of School of Education students; and) the dissemination of promising practices in urban education. At minimum, collaborative action research teams must include: a full-time faculty member in the School of Education or a full-time Arts and Sciences faculty member involved in teacher education programs; a P-12 educator from a participating district (Birmingham City, Bessemer, Midfield); and a School of Education undergraduate or graduate student. It is expected that projects supported through this program should result in publishable papers. The School of Education Faculty member is responsible for securing Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for funded projects prior to implementation.

**Funds Available:** Up to \$5000 in UEP funds are available per team. Cost-sharing (in-kind or cash) is encouraged. Awards cover direct costs only. The Urban Education Project expects to make three awards under this program. The funding period will run from June 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Applicants will be notified by April 28, 2006 regarding the status of their proposals. Funds will be disbursed contingent upon documentation of IRB approval. A final report will be due within 60 days of the close of the funding cycle. If requested, funded teams will be expected to present findings at UEP events. Reprints of publications based on funded projects also should be submitted to the Urban Education Project.

**Application Guidelines:** Applicants should complete the attached application form or may download the form from the UEP website at [www.uab.edu/uep](http://www.uab.edu/uep). The completed application should not exceed 8 double-spaced pages. Four copies should be submitted. Application packets should be sent to: Debbie Voltz, The Urban Education Project, Room 232S, School of Education, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1530 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35294. Application packets must be received no later than 4:30 March 8, 2006.

For more information, contact Debbie Voltz, UEP Director, at 934-8320 or [voltz@uab.edu](mailto:voltz@uab.edu).

**University of Alabama at Birmingham  
School of Education—Urban Education Project  
COLLABORATIVE ACTION RESEARCH PROGRAM**

**Application for 2006-2007**

**UAB Faculty Team Member** Name \_\_\_\_\_ **P-12 Team Member** Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**UAB Student Team Member**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Program of Study** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURES**

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**UAB Faculty Team Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

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**P-12 Team Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

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**UAB Student Team Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

\*This cover sheet must accompany the Project Description and Budget  
**DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m. March 8, 2006**

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## **Project Description and Budget**

The Project Description and Budget should address the questions below. The questions should be used as subheadings within the application for ease of review and scoring. The application should not exceed 8 double-spaced pages.

**Please note that the overall purpose of the Collaborative Action Research Program is to support activities with promise for improving student achievement. Preference will be given to projects that show a connection to student achievement and might be replicated district-wide or have implications for use in UAB departments.**

- 1. What are the purpose of and need for the proposed project? What research question(s) will it address?** Provide an overview of the purpose for the project and establish the need for the proposed activities using statistical data and other evidence.
- 2. What are the main project activities? How and when will they be accomplished?** Describe in detail the strategies and activities that will be used to address the research question(s) posed. Describe the role each team member will play in the implementation of project activities. Provide a timeline for implementation of project activities.
- 3. What are the project costs?** List costs for personnel, equipment, supplies, meetings, and so forth, giving a justification for each item. Indicate any funds from other sources that will be used to support activities complementary to the proposed project. Show the total amount requested from the Collaborative Action Research Program for 2006-2007. This amount should not exceed \$5000.
- 4. Letter of support from host principal.** Each project description must be accompanied by a letter of support from the principal(s) of the school(s) in which the collaborative action research project is to be conducted, or the district administrator who will be associated with the project.

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**Submit application to:  
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