Overview of Major Organizations that Fund Education-Related Research

This is not an exhaustive document but rather is intended to highlight the organizations that are prominent funders of education-related research.

FEDERAL AGENCIES

U.S. Department of Education (USED or ED; not DOE – U.S. Department of Energy)
(Note: USED offices/programs may be restructured due to changes in ESSA legislation)

- **Institute of Education Sciences (IES)** - [http://ies.ed.gov/funding/](http://ies.ed.gov/funding/)
  - IES has four centers under its umbrella (MLFTC gets funding mostly via NCER and NCSER)
    - The National Center for Education Research (NCER)
    - The National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER)
    - The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)
    - The National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance (NCEERA)
  - Includes Small Business Innovation Research Grants (SBIR) – Opportunity to partner w/ Small Businesses
  - Link to ASU funded projects (site has funded grant search module as do most agencies): [http://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/index.asp?mode=1&sort=1&order=1&searchvals=&SearchType=or&checkaffiliation=on&slctAffiliation=94&slctPrincipal=0&slctYear=0&slctProgram=0&slctGoal=0&slctCenter=0&FundType=1&FundType=2](http://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/index.asp?mode=1&sort=1&order=1&searchvals=&SearchType=or&checkaffiliation=on&slctAffiliation=94&slctPrincipal=0&slctYear=0&slctProgram=0&slctGoal=0&slctCenter=0&FundType=1&FundType=2)

- **Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)**
  - Teacher Quality Programs (TQP)
  - Charter Schools Program (CSP)
  - Office of Non-Public Education (ONPE)
  - Parental Options and Improvement (POI)

- **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)**
  - [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/funding.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/funding.html)
  - National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)
  - Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)
  - Office of Special Education Programs (SEP)

- **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)**
  - [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/programs.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/programs.html)
  - Funds programs such as Preschool Development Grants and Reading First

- **Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)**
  - [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html)
  - International and Foreign Language Education Programs (IFLE)
  - Higher Education Programs (HEP)
  - Office of Policy, Planning and Innovation (PPI)

- **Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE)**
  - [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/index.html)
  - Includes adult education and literacy and academic and technical education

**National Science Foundation (NSF)**

  - Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings (DRL)
  - Division of Graduate Education (DGE)
  - Division of Human Resource Development (HRD)
  - Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE)

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**

- Funding for education-related research from NEH primarily comes from two divisions:
  - Division of Education Programs [http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education)
  - Division of Research Programs [http://www.neh.gov/divisions/research](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/research)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is the NIH institute that will have grant opportunities most closely related to education; https://www.nichd.nih.gov/Pages/index.aspx
- NIH has 27 other institutes & centers (link below) that may have opportunities from time to time
  o https://www.nih.gov/institutes-nih/list-nih-institutes-centers-offices

ARIZONA AGENCIES AND FOUNDATIONS

NOTE: Prior to approaching foundations, you are required to contact MLFTC Director of Development, Carly Nieri (Carly.Nieri@asu.edu, 480-965-8724).

Arizona Community Foundation
- https://www.azfoundation.org
- Houses (and administers) local foundations and acts as a clearinghouse for AZ philanthropists
- Education is a foundation focus: https://www.azfoundation.org/InitiativesImpact/QualityEducation.aspx

Arizona Department of Education
- http://www.azed.gov/
- Both a source of potential funding (subcontracts) and a source for state-wide data

APS Foundation
- Focus on STEM; targets projects that help educators increase knowledge in STEM subjects or on transferring STEM knowledge effectively to students
- Universities are only eligible for funding once each calendar year; March 1st & Sept 1st deadlines run as Limited Submissions with ASU Foundation

First Things First
- http://www.azftf.gov/Pages/default.aspx
- Early childhood organization that offers regional and statewide grants and contracts

Helios Education Foundation
- http://helios.org
- Only in Arizona and Florida; focus is on success in postsecondary education with emphasis in 3 areas: early childhood education; college and career readiness; and postsecondary success
- Prior ASU and ASU Foundation awards: http://helios.org/investment-history

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR LOCATING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDING SOURCES

http://funding.asu.edu  OKED website to support finding funding


COS PIVOT http://pivot.cos.com/funding_main Helps find collaborators at ABOR institutions

http://www.grants.gov/ Serves as a clearinghouse for federal grant solicitations

Foundation Center: Searchable database on foundations; http://education.foundationcenter.org/

Grant Makers for Education / Ed Funders: This is a membership organization for foundations that fund education; the members list is a great source for funders: http://www.edfunders.org/our-community/member-organizations