

## **The Eisenhower Professional Development Grant Program at NJCU**

### **About the grant ...**

For seventeen years, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Grant Program provided funds for competitive grants to colleges, universities, and nonprofit organizations in support of professional development programs for pre-service and in-service teachers. Professional development is essential to education reform as it guides prospective and experienced teachers from their current skills and knowledge to the information and strategies they need to meet new challenges in directing students to higher standards of learning and development. Reauthorized in 1994 by Title II of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-382), the Eisenhower Program was, until FY 2003, the largest federal program supporting professional development activities to improve teaching and learning. The 2002 passage of the "No Child Left Behind" reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary School Act (ESEA) of 1965 and has a different set of guidelines for Title II funds.

Eisenhower grants have funded innovative programs that offer in-depth and sustained instructional activities (90+ hours of contact) designed to have a lasting impact on teachers' classroom performance. Programs are closely aligned with current national and state reform efforts, include strong academic and pedagogical elements, and reflect close collaboration between one or more local education agencies and the grantee. These grants support professional development in all core academic subjects, but approximately two-thirds of the funds were required to be used for mathematics and science programs.

### **SMART at NJCU ...**

Committed to urban education, NJCU offers retreats for science and math teachers from the Newark, Perth Amboy and Jersey City school districts. Part of this program is the purchase of technology (hardware and software) for participating educators along with pedagogical applications, technology education and support. For more information see the following links:

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