Dr. Carolyn Kaldon, Chair
University Schools Research Consortium (USRC)
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• Overview of USRC

• 2019 USRC Research Award Recipients

• Funding opportunities
Who is the USRC?

• Network of scholars focused on exploring, planning, and applying for funded innovative research opportunities connected to our University Schools
Who is the USRC?

Current Members:
- Carolyn Kaldon, Chair
- Sally Parish
- Brooke Willis
- Rebecca Scott
- James Smith
- Alfred Hall
- Stephanie Ivey
- Remy Debes
- Terrence Tucker
- Jason Braasch
- Deborah Tollefson
- Kenneth Ward
- Brian Ruggaber
- Lawrence Blackwell
- Todd Zoblotsky
- Andrew Tawfik
- Josef Hanson*
- Deborah Moncrieff*
- Shelly Counsell*
- John Sabatini

*2019 Grant Writing Award Recipients
University Schools

• **Lipman Early Learning & Research Center (ELRC):** ages 2.5 – PreK

• **Campus School:** Grades K-5

• **University Middle:** Grade 6
  • 7th in Fall 2020, 8th in Fall 2021

• **University High School**
  • Expected SY2022-23
USRC 2020 Goals & Objectives

1) Continue concrete efforts to seek new external support for research with USchools

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2) Host a 2020 Grant Writing Incentive competition

3) Mentorship/networking for collaborative research support

4) Document and showcase successful research-school partnerships
USRC and University Schools Research Applications

• Serves as a streamlined portal for reviewing, approving, and documenting all research activities partnered with the University Schools
  – University Schools Research Proposal Application
    • School website: Research tab
  – Takes the place of meeting with school directors individually
University Schools Research Applications

• Approving all research-related requests to work with University Schools
  – No longer have to also go through SCS for approvals if ONLY working in our University Schools

• Sharing out successes & reporting to all partners
2019 USRC Grant Writing Award
Recipients:
Chat and Q&A

• **ELRC**: Dr. Shelly Counsell, ICL

• **Campus School**: Dr. Deborah Moncrieff, Audiology

• **University Middle**: Dr. Josef Hanson, Music
Funding Steps:
Janet Wiens, COE Pre-Award Coordinator

• Establish a profile in Grant Forward
• Develop a brief research interest profile
• Partner with departmental Pre-award Coordinators to identify opportunities
• Research what has been funded in your area. Good vs. a fundable idea
Funding Targets

- IES – August deadline  [https://ies.ed.gov/funding/](https://ies.ed.gov/funding/)
- NSF –  
- Department of Education  
  [https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html](https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html)
- Spencer Foundation  [https://www.spencer.org/why-we-grant](https://www.spencer.org/why-we-grant)
- State of Tennessee
- Professional Associations – AERA, etc.
Join Us!

• Continuing to seek new partnerships--speaking to Colleges/Departments to share USRC information and collaborations

• Open to new members, including graduate students and postdocs
  – Ideal to have representatives from each department on campus
QUESTIONS?

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