

School-University Partnerships Influencing aDvocacy and Engaging Rural Special educators

EARN A
DOCTORAL DEGREE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS
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This scholarship program for doctoral students is a partnership between the University of Oklahoma, University of Louisville and the University of North Florida for those dedicated to special eduation, are interested in becoming an educational leader and have a desire to support teachers in rural settings.

## **Project SPIDERS Provides**

- Tuition and fees for four years of study
- \$15,000 yearly stipend for four years of study
- \$7,000 to support research activities
- Yearly conference travel for four years of study
- Mentorship and support from experts in rural education from three leading universities
- Opportunities to complete advanced research, policy and professional development training and internships

### **Interested? Apply!**

- 1. Visit our website
- 2. Complete a 6-question interest survey
- 3. Apply to any of the 3 participating Universities' doctoral programs.

### **Contact Us**

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# Eligibility

- SPIDERS scholars are working professionals interested in enhancing their research, professional development, and policy skills
- A Master of Special Education, or closely related field, degree
- Interest in conducting applied rural research, rural policy development, and effective rural professional development and training practices
- Strong commitment to enhancing rural special education
- Admission to the Doctorate of Special Education degree program at either the University of Oklahoma, University of Louisville or the University of North Florida





