The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood (CFEC) and Arnold Ventures are offering funding opportunities. Interested parties can assess their interest and availability to participate and apply if they wish.

To Nominate Someone:
- Provide information about the nominee.
- Complete the application form.
- Submit the nomination before the deadline.

To Apply:
- Use the UConnect system to apply.
- Deadlines: Apply by May 1, Nominations by May 15.
- Equipment: Equipping leaders with content knowledge, leadership behaviors, and support to effectively lead a diverse workforce.
- Purpose: Designing a program to help children fall in love with reading, increase self-esteem, and cultivate positive attitudes toward learning.
- Focus: Early childhood education.

University of Tennessee's Inclusive Leadership Academy (UTILA) is designed for exempt staff and faculty, providing a thoughtful and intentional learning experience that will equip leaders with the content knowledge, leadership behaviors, and support to effectively lead our diverse workforce.

Engagement and Outreach Opportunities:
- Boundary Spanners? workshop: Identify culturally responsive practices for outreach and engagement organizations.
- OEPN Energy Boost Virtual Workshop: An opportunity to network, examine work, continue conversations, and start new initiatives.
- Zone21: An event by UT’s Knoxville Area Urban League and Center for Leadership Development in Built Environment Sustainability.
- Volbreaks alternative break program: Volunteering in Memphis.
- Black Maternal Health Showcase: Local researchers, business owners, and professionals.
- Publishing Community Engaged Scholarship: A workshop for students and alumni.
- OCEO Community Engagement Workshops: A series of workshops to explore community engagement.
- 6th Annual Engagement and Outreach Conference: A platform for intentional conversations.
- Community-University Research Collaboration Initiative: A joint initiative by UT and the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach.
- Community-University Research Collaboration Academy: An intensive program for graduate students.
- Arab Fest: A celebration of Arab American Heritage Month.

Contact Us:
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CFEC supports promising research and development projects that appear likely to improve the welfare of young children, from infancy to age 7, in the U.S. Welfare is broadly defined to include physical and mental health, safety, nutrition, education, play, familial support, acculturation, societal integration and childcare. The Foundation's goal is to provide seed money to implement imaginative proposals that exhibit the greatest chance of improving the lives of young children, on a national scale. Letters of Intent are due by May 31.

Brady Education Foundation Funding Opportunity
The Brady Education Foundation is currently accepting Research Project (RP) proposals and Existing Program Evaluation (EPE) proposals that have the potential to provide data that will inform how to address disparities in educational opportunities associated with race, ethnicity, and family income. The foundation is looking for sustainable, accessible, and strength based projects.

Spencer Foundation - Racial Equity Research Grants
The Racial Equity Research Grants program supports education research projects that will contribute to understanding and ameliorating racial inequality in education. The Foundation is interested in funding studies that aim to understand and disrupt the reproduction and deepening of inequality in education, and which seek to (re)imagine and make new forms of equitable education. Thus, it is interested in research projects that seek to envision educational opportunities in a multiplicity of education systems, levels, settings, and developmental ranges and that reach beyond documenting conditions and paradigms that contribute to persistent racial inequalities.

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