An update on US and Canada CS educator PD grants

Google identified a need to support computer science (CS) education through [educator professional development (PD) grants](#) (formerly known as CS4HS) ten years ago. At that time there was limited support for CS education in the US and Canada at the local, state and national levels, and funding sources were scarce. But in the decade since, the landscape has changed significantly. So while we will continue our work to expand access to computer science — and provide ongoing support for educators teaching CS — we do not plan to open future rounds of applications for these PD grants in the US and Canada.

To date, these grants have reached more than 50,000 middle and high school educators around the globe, providing training and professional development to help equip them to teach CS confidently. We have been so impressed by our grantees who have thoughtfully and intentionally contributed to creating a thriving ecosystem for CS education. It has been an honor to work with so many wonderful educators through this program, whose commitment to improving CS education will continue to inspire and motivate us.

We are thrilled that more funding pathways are now available to support CS professional development, and we will absolutely continue to work hard toward our ongoing commitment to make computer science available for more students and teachers around the world. We plan to help increase student access and exposure to CS education, provide compelling introductory CS experiences, and equip teachers with CS skills they can apply across disciplines. Please follow along on our [Keyword blog](#) and [Twitter](#) to learn more about our continued work to support CS educators and the students they serve, and thank you in advance for your continued partnership in this effort.

Why is Google discontinuing educator PD grants in the US and Canada?

When we started funding educator PD grants ten years ago, there was very little local, state and national support for CS teacher PD. But over the past two years, we've seen that trend shift significantly toward providing increased PD support for educators interested in teaching CS. With more traditional funding pathways now available, we are turning our attention to other areas where we can help make an impact.

Will Google continue investing in CS K-12 educators?

Absolutely! If there's one thing we've learned, it's that changes in the K-12 CS education landscape don't happen overnight. It takes a community of educators, parents, administrators, district officials, industry partners and policy makers at state and federal levels working together to provide students with the opportunity for sustainable and high quality CS education. We are proud to continue our work to support computer science teaching and learning through programs like [CS First](#), [Made with Code](#), [Applied Digital Skills](#) and more. To see more of what we're doing, here is the full range of our [CS education programs](#). Beyond our programs, we'll also continue providing philanthropic investments in the ecosystem.

What have grant recipients achieved with funding in the past decade?

As we had initially hoped and envisioned, grantees who have received our support over the last ten years have leveraged that initial investment to build and sustain thriving communities of CS educators. For example, Afrin Naz from West Virginia Institute of Technology used her grants to build [statewide partnerships](#) of educators to provide every high school in West Virginia with at least one CS class. Harvey Duff created a rigorous CS education infrastructure in Edmonton, Alberta (Canada) that enabled the K-12 teachers in his province to carry on his work by securing three additional grants. The work these educators have done allows us to shift our attention toward addressing other critical challenges in CS education.

Will the Educator Grants program continue funding educator PD globally?

Professional development grant opportunities are still available for PD providers in EMEA, China, Australia and New Zealand. To learn more, please visit [g.co/csedugrants](#)

How will you support the 2018 grantees?

We will continue our one-year commitment to the 2018 grantee class. Grantee support entails the following through June 2019:

1. Onboarding support for all grantees
2. Quarterly roundtable discussions with all grantees
3. PD evaluation resources
4. Access to data from teacher participants if the grantee uses Google's evaluations resources

How do I talk about Google's involvement in my program if I was funded this year?

If you were funded this year, you may continue to reference Google's funding for your PD program through the end of the current funding year, June 2019.

How do I talk about Google's involvement in my program if I was previously funded?

If you have been previously funded, you can continue to reference Google's commitment to growing CS education in your community and being a previous recipient of Google educator PD grant funding.