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**NCTR AWARDS \$3.7 MILLION IN GRANTS TO RESIDENCIES TO SUPPORT THE RECRUITMENT, PREPARATION, AND RETENTION OF BLACK EDUCATORS**

CHICAGO (May 13, 2021) –[As part of NCTR's Black Educators Initiative \(BEI\)](#), NCTR is awarding \$3,771,416 million in new grants today to 20 of its Network Residency partners:

[Alternative Pathways to Educator Certification Center at Columbia College;](#)

[AppleTree Early Learning Teacher Residency;](#)

[Boston Teacher Residency;](#)

[Carey Teacher Residency \(William Carey University\);](#)

[Clarkson University;](#)

[Chicago Public Schools;](#)

[Connecticut Teacher Residency Program;](#)

[CREATE Teacher Residency Program;](#)

[East Harlem Teaching Residency;](#)

[Jacksonville Teacher Residency;](#)

[Kansas City Teacher Residency;](#)

[Memphis Teacher Residency;](#)

[Nashville Teacher Residency;](#)

[Old Dominion University Teacher in Residence Program;](#)

[RTR \(Virginia Commonwealth University\);](#)

[Oakland Teacher Residency;](#)

[Project Inspire;](#)

[Philadelphia Teacher Residency \(Drexel - BLCS Residency\);](#)

[SUTR / MSTR / University of St. Thomas; and](#)

[St. Louis Teacher Residency.](#)

NCTR launched its Black Educators Initiative in 2019 to support [Network residency](#) partners to improve the recruitment, development, and retention of Black educators, with the ultimate goal of improving student outcomes. NCTR provides programming and services to grantees to improve In year three of BEI, NCTR has increased the number of grantees this year to 20, the largest number to date. Among this year's grantees are six new residency programs.

"We are excited to continue to support our residency partners in their efforts to recruit, prepare, and retain Black residents through the BEI. Focusing the work of residencies on teachers of color, and in particular, Black teachers, is a core part of NCTR's mission to ensure that students of color and low-income students have equitable access to diverse and culturally responsive educators," said NCTR CEO Anissa Listak.

Thus far, investments in Black residents through the BEI have resulted in:

- Reducing barriers for aspiring Black educators to enter and remain in the profession;
- Supporting recruitment pipelines that reflect the communities of color predominately served in Title I schools;
- Supporting mentor teachers to provide rigorous clinical preparation and coaching; and
- Supporting programs to redesign and implement research-based practices that improve the recruitment, selection, preparation, and support experiences of Black educators.

BEI is made possible by a grant from [the Ballmer Group](#). You can read about the progress of the BEI by accessing NCTR's BEI Annual report [here](#).

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About NCTR: The National Center for Teacher Residencies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing, launching, supporting, and accelerating the impact of teacher residency programs. Headquartered in Chicago, NCTR's mission is to disrupt historical educational inequities by advancing the teacher residency movement to prepare effective, diverse, and culturally responsive educators. For more information about NCTR, please visit [www.https://nctresidencies.org/](http://www.https://nctresidencies.org/).