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Applications Open for 2025 Fluency Innovator Grants to Help Schools Grow Students' Reading Literacy

Selected teachers and administrators will receive a semester-long subscription to WordFlight's proven literacy solution which they can implement as early as this summer

CORALVILLE, Iowa, April 15, 2025 — Foundations in Learning, creator of the WordFlight™ literacy intervention solution, is now accepting applications for its [2025 Fluency Innovator Grants](#). Selected teachers and administrators who serve students in grades 3 and above will each receive a free semester-long subscription to WordFlight™. This proven online literacy solution can be implemented as part of summer learning programs or this fall during the 2025-26 school year.

All applications are due by August 15, 2025. It is encouraged to apply early as grants will be awarded on a rolling first-come, first-serve basis.

“As many adolescent students continue to struggle with reading, educators increasingly need access to the best research- and evidence-based literacy solutions to help them grow their foundational reading skills and get them to where they need to be,” said Allison Zimmermann, CEO of Foundations in Learning, creator of WordFlight. “Dozens of schools across the United States have already benefited from using WordFlight as part of the Fluency Innovator Grant program and we look forward to supporting even more educators and students this summer and next school year.”

WordFlight bridges the gap between phonics and fluency helping to move 90 percent of

struggling adolescents to proficient in foundational reading skills in one school year. For example, after receiving a Fluency Innovator Grant in Spring 2024, one dual immersion teacher in California saw the number of students scoring above benchmark on fluency double on the FastBridge assessment after only four months of using the program. Additionally, a majority of students in the class improved their proficiency in automatic word recognition and decoding, as measured by the WordFlight Diagnostic.

Educators looking to achieve measurable results such as this and who are new to using WordFlight—including teachers applying for their individual class or administrators applying for their school building or district—must agree to certain requirements to be considered for the grant. This includes, but is not limited to, educators using the program with students in grades 3-8 whose difficulty with word recognition skills interfere with reading fluency and comprehension.

Applicants must participate in the provided training and professional development in using the program, as well as agree to use WordFlight's online component 20 minutes per day for four to five days per week throughout the grant period.

Schools and districts that have more than one application will be given highest priority to receive a Fluency Innovator Grant.

Aligned with the science of reading and based in the science of learning, WordFlight is designed for students in grades 3-8 who have not achieved reading fluency and comprehension because of deficits in their foundational skills. These skills are typically developed by the end of grade 2. WordFlight's powerful combination of components—screeener, patented diagnostic, instructional program, teacher resources, and ongoing implementation support—help students move beyond decoding to learn how to use letter-sound relationships in a way that results in automatic word recognition. WordFlight helps students develop the word-level fluency that is necessary to read fluently for comprehension.

WordFlight leverages adaptive technology and provides personalized, structured, and varied practice in an engaging game-like environment that makes learning stick. Throughout the program, students experience varied task difficulty, context changes, and ongoing feedback that help them develop their automatic word recognition skills, the critical precursor to fluency.

To learn more about WordFlight and to apply for a 2025 Fluency Innovator Grant, visit <https://www.wordflight.com/2025-grant-program/>.

About WordFlight™

WordFlight™ is the first patented literacy assessment and intervention for grades 3-8 that bridges the gap between phonics and fluency. Created by researchers and program developers with decades of experience in providing schools with effective programs to meet the individual needs of students, the online program is a proven and research-based solution that blends the best of the science of reading and the science of learning to help develop fluent readers.

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