

The Sid W. Richardson Foundation awards grant to CREATE for teacher preparation

THE WOODLANDS, Texas – The Center for Research, Evaluation and Advancement of Teacher Education (CREATE) was awarded a \$550,000 grant to support implementation of the recommendations identified in the Richardson Foundation Forum report entitled, *Delivering a High-Quality Teacher Workforce for Texas*. The grant includes distribution of \$50,000 grants to seven universities participating in a coordinated university-wide effort to improve teacher preparation in Texas universities. Participating universities are: Lamar University, St. Edwards University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University-Commerce, The University of Texas at Arlington, and The University of Texas at El Paso.

“We are honored to receive this award from the Richardson Foundation,” said Dr. Mona S. Wineburg, CREATE executive director. “University leadership is necessary if Texas is to produce sufficient numbers of talented and well-prepared teachers for our K-12 schools. The participating universities, by joining with us in this important work, demonstrate their commitment to excellence in teacher preparation.”

Participating universities will engage in a strategic planning process, led by CREATE, to identify common and unique issues across universities, and to prioritize and develop improvement goals and implementation plans.

“The Richardson Foundation has been involved for many years in the preparation of teachers for our public schools,” said Mr. Valleau Wilkie, Jr., executive vice president of the Richardson Foundation. “This recent report addresses a need for major effort on the part of universities to meet the need for quality and quantity of teachers for our schools.” He continues, “We are pleased to work with CREATE to carry this project forward.”

About the Sid W. Richardson Foundation

The Sid W. Richardson Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations in Texas to help them fulfill their missions. Grants are made primarily in education, healthcare, human services, and the arts.

About CREATE

CREATE is a university research and development center focusing on issues of teacher quality and effectiveness. It is a consortium of 45 universities, comprising the institutions in The Texas A&M University System, The Texas State University System, The University of Houston System and The University of Texas System, as well as additional public and private universities throughout the state. For more information, please consult the organization’s website at www.createtx.org.