

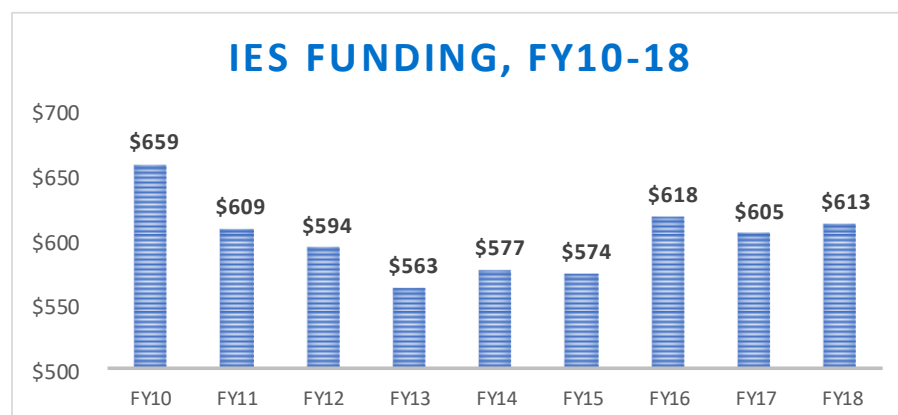


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# Department of Education: Education Research

**H**igh-quality research on the science of teaching and learning is critical to the nation's educational institutions ability to deliver students high-quality education. Just as we invest federal resources in biomedical research to prevent and treat disease, so too must we invest in education research that can improve our understanding of how students learn and what makes an effective teacher. Investments in education research lead to improved teaching practices and student achievement, which are both essential to U.S. economic competitiveness.

**AAU urges Congress to  
provide at least \$670  
million to the Institute for  
Education Sciences in FY19**



*Funding in millions*

The **Institute for Education Sciences (IES)** is the primary federal agency charged with supporting research for education practice and policy. Since its formation in 2002, IES has transformed the quality and rigor of Department of Education research and increased demand for evidence-based research of the effectiveness in education.

Within IES, the **National Center for Education Research (NCER)** supports rigorous evidence-based research that helps improve the quality of

education by supporting research to reduce the achievement gap between high-performing and low-performing students, and increase access to and completion of postsecondary education.

The **National Center for Special Education Research (NCSE)** is another important center within IES. It supports comprehensive research programs to promote the highest quality and rigor in research on special education and related services.

***The accomplishments of IES, and its  
researchers and innovators, are  
numerous and will continue to have  
positive impacts on students' lives as  
well as many other parts of society.***

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