



Researchers in Intensive interventions, Tiered systems, and Evidence-based practices -KU RITE

The University of Kansas Special Education Department is currently accepting student scholar applications for a leadership grant awarded from the Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services/Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education: KU RITE (Researchers in Intensive interventions, Tiered systems, and Evidence-based practices).

KU RITE is focused on preparing selected scholars to assume leadership roles in (a) teacher education, (b) research, and (c) service in higher education, with the specific expertise necessary to conduct rigorous inquiry into evidence-based practices (EBPs) to effectively and efficiently meet the needs of students with disabilities – particularly those with the most intensive educational needs. Scholars will be fully prepared to support the identification and advancement of EBPs via research activities and prepare future educators to utilize these EBPs within and beyond tiered systems in partnership with the general education community.

Scholars prepared by KU RITE will graduate with the knowledge, skills, and practice-based experiences to: (a) carry out an active and innovative research agenda in partnership with local education agencies; (b) support the detection of students for whom Tier 1 practices are insufficient using systematic screening tools; (c) design, implement, and evaluate strategies and practices to prevent and respond to academic, behavioral, social, and emotional challenges while maintaining attention to treatment integrity; (d) support collaborative partnerships between general and special educators within (and outside of) the context of tiered systems of support; (e) be recognized state and national leaders with expertise in school-based inquiry to improve educational outcomes for students with and at risk for learning, behavior, and/or social challenges.

For each full-time equivalent year of funding, KU RITE Scholars must work two years of full-time equivalence in order to fulfill the mandatory service obligation. Information on the requirements of the federal service obligation can be found on the website: <https://pdp.ed.gov/OSEP/Home/Regulation>

KU RITE Scholars will receive:

- \$27,000 annual stipend
- Tuition assistance
- Travel funds to attend and present at national conferences

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How to apply: Doctoral applicants may learn more and apply online <https://specialedu.ku.edu/admission>

Questions? Please contact the department's Admissions Officer Linda LaPierre at specialeduadm@ku.edu or by phone at (785) 864-4342.