**CALL FOR PEER REVIEWERS**

**U.S. Department of Education**

**Ready to Learn Programming**

**Fiscal Year 2020**

Ready to Learn Programming (Ready to Learn or RTL, formerly Ready to Learn Television) seeks peer reviewers to review grant proposals submitted to its FY 2020 competition. If you are interested in volunteering, please send your resume (please no more than 5 pages) that includes up-to-date contact information to [Readytolearn@ed.gov](mailto:Readytolearn@ed.gov) no later than April 24, 2020. Please use the words “RTL reviewer volunteer” in the subject line of your message, and please revise your resume to highlight those areas that demonstrate the ways in which you meet one or more of the qualifications listed below.

**Qualifications**

Reviewers must be familiar with both early learning and media/technology. Reviewers can be children’s TV or media producers; providers of pre-school or early elementary education, educational researchers, early learning curriculum experts; teachers, school administrators, or university faculty; staff of community-based education programs, or other professionals with areas of expertise listed below.

We will select individuals with the best possible combination of expertise in at least two of the following areas:

* Children’s educational television or digital media production (including mobile apps, learning games, or websites for children)
* The use of TV, digital media, or educational technology in early learning
* Early Learning and Child Development
* Literacy Education
* Educational evaluation and research, including familiarity with What Works Clearinghouse Standards

**Conflict of Interest**

You cannot be a peer reviewer if you or the organization you work for are applying to the 2020 RTL competition or if you have participated in the development of an application. You will also be disqualified from reviewing if you work for one of the partners or vendors associated with another organization’s application, if you have consulted on the development of an application, or if you might benefit from the results of the competition. (Note: additional conflict of interest screening may be necessary.)

**Responsibilities**

The review will take place by phone and online during the weeks of June 1st thru June 29, 2020. The time commitment over a two- to three-week period is considerable:

* Reviewers will be expected to participate in an orientation webinar (approximately 60-90 minutes)
* Read approximately 8-10 grant applications (there is a 50-page narrative page limit, but each application will be approximately 100-150 total pages with appendices)
* Write detailed comments on each of the applications and score the selection criteria
* Participate in approximately three panel calls via phone conference with other panel reviewers to discuss the applications: and
* Complete revisions to comments and scores based on the panel monitor’s feedback following each of the panel discussions.

**Payment**

Reviewers will be paid a fee of approximately $200 for each application (or $1600 to $2000 total) upon successful completion of all tasks. Reviewers must have access to a phone and a computer with reliable internet connection in order to participate.

Next Steps

If you are identified as a candidate for panel selection, Ready to Learn logistical support contractor, will contact you to determine your availability and complete conflict of interest screening.

From this pool of reviewers, we will confirm those reviewers who have been selected to serve on panels or to be alternates.

Depending upon the number of applications submitted to the competition, not all reviewer candidates will be assigned to panels.