



Education Policy Fellowship Program

CALIFORNIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

2019-20 APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

epfp@csus.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 18, 2019

Your application should include:

- Application Form
- Resume
- Short Essay Answers
- Supervisor Endorsement

The California Education Policy Fellowship Program is an initiative of:

The Education Insights Center

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Sacramento
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Sacramento, CA 95819-6081

The Center for California Studies

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In partnership with:

The Institute for Educational Leadership

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The California Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a professional development program that aims to strengthen education policymaking in California. California EPFP is part of an established national program sponsored by the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL). IEL's mission is to develop leaders in public and private organizations who have the capacity to create and implement sound public policy to improve outcomes for children and youth.

California Fellows join a national network of more than 300 active Fellows from 17 EPFP sites, and a network of more than 9,500 EPFP alumni from around the country. Participants commit to attending three weekend seminars, and a national conference in Washington, D.C. (optional).

California EPFP is jointly administered by the Education Insights Center and the Center for California Studies at California State University, Sacramento. The 9-month program brings together 16 - 20 education professionals to explore critical topics related to the three pillars of the national EPFP:

- **Policy.** Fellows learn about specific policy issues; policymaking and implementation processes; the interface of local, state, and national policies; and the practices effective leaders use to function in the policy environment.
- **Leadership.** Fellows develop familiarity with different types of leadership, become aware of their potential as leaders, and learn from interactions with proven leaders.
- **Networking.** Fellows learn to establish action-oriented and mutually beneficial relationships with colleagues, expand their range of strategies for developing and using power and influence, and build and sustain a larger and more diverse range of professional resources and contacts.

Learning Outcomes

California EPFP Fellows will:

- Understand concepts related to public policy development and implementation;
- Be familiar with California's executive, legislative, and budget processes;
- Understand different needs, vantage points, goals, and objectives in the state's education systems, agencies, and non-profits;
- Be "systems thinkers" and understand the interconnectedness of K-12 and postsecondary education;
- Be aware of current approaches to improve student learning, progression, and success in both K-12 and higher education;
- Belong to a network of colleagues across systems and in state-level policymaking; and
- Possess the knowledge, skills, and connections to effectively move into new roles.



California EPFP develops effective leaders to promote equitable education policy

California EPFP brings together a diverse cohort of mid-career professionals from organizations around the state.

You are encouraged to apply if:

- You have a long-term interest in developing and implementing policy that promotes equitable student success.
- Your work record in K-12, higher education, and/or education policymaking demonstrates your strong leadership potential.
- You want to expand your network in California and across the nation to accomplish your professional goals.
- You have a bachelor's degree and a full-time professional position with applicable work experience.
- You have the endorsement of your employing organization.

What is your commitment if you are accepted as an EPFP Fellow?

- Participate in three mandatory, intensive weekend seminars.
- Complete a team project.
- Share your experience and knowledge with other Fellows through presentations, group discussions and group projects.
- Fellows are strongly encouraged, but not required, to attend the Washington Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C.

What is your employer's commitment in endorsing your participation?

Employers commit to allowing minimal release time necessary for Fellows to attend the three intensive California EPFP weekend sessions, which begin on Friday afternoons.

Program Cost. Funding from the State of California and philanthropy covers most of the California program costs, which include curriculum development, materials, travel-related costs for speakers, and travel and accommodations for Fellows and program staff at weekend seminars. California EPFP Fellows only pay a program fee of \$875, as well as any travel-related costs to attend the national policy seminar in Washington, D.C. Full or partial scholarships to cover the program fee are available to Fellows whose employers are unable to pay. Our goal is that no deserving applicant be unable to participate due to financial limitations.

Scholarship Application. To be considered for a scholarship, please provide a statement from your organization describing its professional development policy as well as any other relevant information. We will contact applicants who demonstrate financial need to discuss a scholarship. For more information, please contact epfp@csus.edu.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Application Deadline:
June 18, 2019

Seminar 1
October 18-20, 2019
Kellogg West, Pomona

Seminar 2
February 7-9, 2020
Asilomar, Pacific Grove

Washington Policy Seminar
March 22-25, 2020
Washington, D.C.

Seminar 3
May 1-3, 2020
Granlibakken, Tahoe

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Name of Applicant: _____

Position: _____ Organization: _____

Work Address: _____

Office Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Home / Cell Phone: _____ Preferred email: _____

EDUCATION (please list most recent experience first)

University/College	Degree	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

WORK EXPERIENCE

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME

REFERENCES

Please list three references:

Name: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

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2019-20 APPLICATION FORM (CONT.)

How did you hear about the California Education Policy Fellowship Program?

SHORT ESSAYS

Please answer each of the following questions. Use one page per question, double spaced, with 12-point font.

- 1) California EPFP brings together cohorts of education professionals to explore critical issues in public education. Our curriculum focuses on connecting 1) K-12 and higher education and 2) state policy development and implementation.

What do you hope to achieve through your participation in CA EPFP? What interests you most with regard to the connections (or disconnects) between K-12 and higher education or between education policy and practice? Please pick one and explain why with an example(s).

- 2) Please describe one major policy issue facing education in California today (K-12 or higher education). Why did you select that issue? Do you have any suggestions about how it could be resolved/improved?

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Race/ethnicity: _____

Gender: _____

SCHOLARSHIP

I would like to be considered for a scholarship and have included a statement from my organization describing its policy for paying for professional development and any other relevant information.

SUPERVISOR ENDORSEMENT

TO THE SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYING AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

California EPFP Fellows are required to participate in three intensive, mandatory weekend seminars (October 18-20, 2019; February 7-9, 2020; and May 1-3, 2020). These weekend seminars may require out of town travel beginning on Friday.

Your signature below ensures the applicant's release time for full participation in the mandatory weekend seminars. Fellows who are unable to attend a weekend seminar will be disqualified from the program.

Additionally, we strongly encourage California EPFP Fellows to attend the Washington Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. from March 22-25, 2020. Fellows are expected to cover their own costs for travel and accommodation at the Washington Policy Seminar, though monetary sponsorship from the employer is encouraged.

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To be completed by the Applicant:

Applicant Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

To be completed by the Supervisor/Employing Agency Representative

Supervisor's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor's Title _____

Supervisor's Organization/Institution _____

Office Address _____

Office Phone _____

Email Address _____

Please sign and return by email to epfp@csus.edu.