

LEE Public Policy Fellowship

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Get immersed in high-impact policy or advocacy work at an organization that's shaping the country's education landscape.

About the Public Policy Fellowship

The Public Policy Fellowship is a paid, full-time, nine-month opportunity to accelerate your policy or advocacy career.

During the fellowship, members will lead significant policy and advocacy projects to advance equity within the mission of the host organization.

In 2017, 95% of fellows moved into full-time policy or advocacy positions within six months of the fellowship!

What to expect as a fellow

- Work with a senior policy or advocacy leader full-time for nine months
- Nationwide placements available — stay in your region or relocate and explore a new city
- \$5,000/month stipend (health insurance or medical benefits are not provided)
- Gain exposure to senior leaders in education policy and advocacy, and connect with a nationwide network of Public Policy Fellows and alumni
- Work with a coach to clarify your long-term goals, create a plan to achieve those goals, and navigate your next steps
- Participate in a 360-degree review designed to help you grow through feedback and self-reflection
- Attend an in-person orientation in Washington, D.C. to meet other Public Policy Fellows
- Participate in virtual trainings facilitated by policy and advocacy experts that will expand your knowledge of the issues and push your thinking about your own leadership

Examples of previous placements

- Massachusetts Executive Office of Education, Boston
- Illinois State Board of Education, Chicago
- Tennessee State Board of Education, Nashville
- Council of Chief State School Officers, Washington, D.C.
- New Mexico Department of Education, Albuquerque
- EdVoice, Sacramento

Your role as a fellow

Your responsibilities will be defined by the senior leader at your host organization. Your contribution as a fellow will add increased value to the organization's policy goals while helping you develop your skills.

Potential responsibilities

- Compiling and synthesizing research on policy ideas
- Analyzing effective policies and making recommendations
- Drafting memos, legislation, or other communications documents
- Conducting meetings with constituents
- Providing strategic thought partnership
- Supporting administrative functions

Who should apply

LEE members who meet the following criteria are highly encouraged to apply.

- 2–4 years' experience in policy or advocacy work, including grad school

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- Looking to pursue a mid- or senior-level role
- Live in and have knowledge of the policy landscape in the geographic region of the host organization
- Committed to ending educational inequity
- Self-motivated
- Strong analytical, communication, and interpersonal skills

Application & placement process

Candidates will complete an application and have a phone interview with a LEE staff member. Upon advancement, finalists will participate in an in-person or virtual interview with placement supervisors. Selected candidates will be notified of a decision by mid-June.

This is a paid, nine-month fellowship, and fellows are paid a monthly \$5,000 stipend. Stipends are not taxed, and during the fellowship, you will be considered an independent consultant.

The stipend amount does not include the cost of health insurance, and host organizations do not provide benefits to fellows. It is the responsibility of the individual fellow to secure health insurance.

Fellows will begin working in their respective placements on September 4, 2018.