



Education Policy Fellowship Program

2018/19 APPLICATION

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Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP)
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We are pleased you are considering the Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP).

EPFP is a 14-month professional development fellowship focusing on state and federal education policy.

EPFP invites your application if you have:

- A commitment to both personal and professional development in the area of public policy.
- A desire for making things happen—inside and across organizations

The Program Fee and Scholarships

- The Fellowship program fee is \$2,700. This includes all dinner seminars and the fee for the Washington Policy Seminar - March 13 to 16, 2019 - in Washington D.C. (Note: the program fee does not include travel and lodging costs for the Washington Policy Seminar. The estimated cost for travel and lodging are \$1,200.00)
- Scholarships are available to applicants who are acting as their own sponsor. The amount and payment schedule are determined in consultation with the applicant.
- Final selection of Fellows is made by EPFP Coordinators in consultation with the applicants.

If you have questions, please contact Dan Loritz by phone at 612-791-1919 or by email at dloritz@centerforpolicy.org

Overview of Minnesota EPFP

Welcome to EPFP's 43rd Year.

Minnesota EPFP is a joint venture of the Washington D.C. based Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL), the Minnesota based Center for Policy Design (CPD) and Minnesota based Education Evolving (EE). All three organizations are non-partisan, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations.

This is the ninth year that the CPD has served as the Minnesota partner and the second year that EE has served as a partner with CPD and IEL. For the first 34 years of the Fellowship the College of Education at the University of Minnesota was the Minnesota based partner.

The first year of the Fellowship was 1975-76. Since then 525 Fellows have completed this unique policy experience. Together they form an important network in Minnesota and the nation.

The Fellowship – What You Can Expect

The Fellowship has as a primary focus on state and federal policy development and the leadership that is necessary to influence policy development. It is designed to expand and update your working knowledge of state and federal policy design, enactment and implementation.

Creating a Safe Environment for Open Conversation - the Dinner Seminars and Washington Policy Seminar (WPS)

The dinner seminars are the backbone of the Fellowship. They are designed to provide you with an up close and personal experience that will include discussions and conversations with key members of Minnesota's executive and legislative branch and their staff. In addition, there is a one-day Policy Seminar at the State Capitol and four-day Washington Policy Seminar (WPS) in Washington D.C.

Minnesota EPFP has a proud history of trust with those who will discuss, very candidly, some of the most sensitive problems (and solutions) facing our state and nation. You can, and should, talk about the sessions but we ask that you not attribute names as part of your conversations with others.

The Learning Model

The Fellowship's instructional process is experiential. It is based on the belief that knowledge and skills are the "residue that is left when the experience wears off". Therefore, there are no required outside readings or written papers. A short weekly reflection will be requested.

A Working Definition of Public Policy

There are many working definitions of the term "public policy". To help us be clear in our policy discussions we will use the following definitions of public policy:

Policy is a course of action, for a given period of time, based on a given set of circumstances, designed to influence future decisions or actions.

Policy Design is a proposal for action, for a given period of time, based on a given set of circumstances, designed to influence future decisions or actions.

In addition, the “Policy Cycle” will be used to provide a map on how to advance public policy.

Conditions, Problems, Policies, Politics

Public policy starts with a condition or a problem. A condition is a situation or circumstance in which no one will invest. If you believe that “poverty will always be with us”, then you believe that poverty is a condition. If poverty will always be with us, why work on it?

A condition must be turned in to a problem before you can convince someone to work on it. Once you have a problem clearly identified you can develop a policy to address it. What is left then is the politics of getting it enacted and implemented.

You will hear often during the Fellowship - “What is the problem, what is the goal and what are the “hows” -- what are the policy “hows”, what are the implementation “hows” and what are the political “hows”?”

Leadership

Policy work takes a special type of leadership - both transactional and transformational -- one cannot get to transformation in the policy arena without a solid base of transactional leadership. This will be a recurring theme throughout the Fellowship.

Minnesota EPFP - 2018/19 Schedule

PART A:

October 25, 2018 from 4:30-8:30 PM: Policy Leadership and Grounding the Work in Equity

November 1 from 4:30-8:30 PM: Inside the Minnesota State Budget

November 15 from 6:00-8:30 PM: Inside Minnesota’s Demographics

December 6 from 6:00-8:30 PM: Inside the Minnesota Policy Process

December 7 from 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM: A Behind the Door Look at the Legislative and Executive Branch Policy and Fiscal Offices – At the Minnesota Capitol

January 10, 2019 from 6:00-8:30 PM: Looking Back - Thinking Forward

January 17 from 6:00-8:30 PM: Inside the Minnesota State Revenue System

January 24 from 6:00-8:30 PM: Inside the Minnesota State Human Services System

February 7 from 6:00-8:30 PM: Inside the Minnesota E-12 and Post-Secondary Education Budget

February 21 from 6:00-8:30 PM: Inside Minnesota E-12 Education Policy

March 7 from 6:00-8:30 PM: An Evening of Reflection on the Minnesota Policy Process and Inside Look at the Washington Policy Process and the Washington Policy Seminar (WPS)

March 13-16: IEL’s WPS, Washington D.C. (More details to come)

March 28 from 6:00-8:30 PM: Debriefing WPS and a Look Inside the 2019 Minnesota Legislative Session and setting up for the 2020 Session

April 4 from 6:00-8:30 PM: A Return to the Policy Brief – Focusing on the Agenda for 2020 and Revisiting Policy Leadership

April 18 from 6:00-8:30 PM: Reflection and Recognition

November 8 from 6:00-8:30 PM: The EPFP Experience: Looking Back – Thinking Forward



Please note, the dinner seminars on October 25th and November 1 are longer due to the amount of material we have to cover. After that, dinner sessions will be from 6:00-8:30 PM, each held at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55455. December 7, 2018 will be all day at the State Capitol and March 13-16 is IEL’s Policy Seminar in Washington, DC.

PART: B (Optional)

June – October 2019 – “What do you want to do in the policy arena with what you have learned?”
Individual conversations with Fellows

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Please include your resume or vitae with this section.

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Organization (if applicable)			
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address line 2			
address line 3			
Office phone (area code + number)			
E-mail address (this should be an address you check often)			
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Home phone		mobile	

EDUCATION (Please cite most recent institution first)

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	CITY, STATE	MAJOR FIELD	DEGREE	DATE

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

{PRIVATE} RACE/ETHNICITY		SEX	
{PRIVATE} HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT EPFP?			

This page must be completed, signed, and dated*

Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Date

**If you are your own sponsor THE FOLLOWING section is not required.*

SPONSORSHIP OF YOUR EMPLOYING ORGANIZATION

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