

Fellowship Opportunities

Summer 2014

Evaluation of State and Local Education Programs and Policies

The Evaluation of State and Local Education Programs and Policies (State/Local Evaluation) topic supports the evaluation of fully-developed programs and policies implemented by state and local education agencies to determine whether they produce a beneficial impact on student education outcomes relative to a counterfactual when they are implemented under routine conditions in authentic education settings. These evaluations are to determine both the overall impact of the programs/policies and the impact across a variety of conditions.

The Institute supports the evaluation of programs and policies that substantially modify or differ from existing practices. The modest changes in programs/policies that States and districts make on an ongoing basis, such as small changes in daily schedules or minor adjustments to teacher certification systems, are not the targets of this research program. Ongoing projects are evaluating State and local programs/policies that include: expansion of preschool, technology-based formative testing, rigorous curriculum requirements, high-stakes testing, professional development programs, and grade retention policies.

Eligibility

At a minimum, applications must include a research institution and a U.S. education agency proposing to work together in partnership. Applicants that have the ability and capacity to conduct scientifically valid research are eligible to apply as the research institution partner(s). These include, but are not limited to, non-profit and for-profit organizations and public and private agencies and institutions, such as colleges and universities, and research firms.

The U.S. education agency partners may include:

- State education agencies such as education agencies, departments, boards and commissions that oversee early learning, elementary, secondary, postsecondary/higher, and adult education. The term State education agencies includes U.S. Territories' education agencies and tribal education agencies.
- Local education agencies which are primarily public school districts. Non-public organizations that oversee or administer schools (e.g., education management organizations) will need to include the public entity that has oversight of the schools as the agency partner. The Institute recognizes that some local education agencies include only one school. Such agencies are eligible to apply, but the Institute notes that reviewers may consider the work less significant than projects that involve multiple schools.
- Community college districts.
- State and city postsecondary systems. If there is a State or city higher education agency that oversees the postsecondary system, they should be included as another agency partner. If there is no State or city education agency that oversees the postsecondary system, the system can apply as the sole agency partner. A postsecondary system that applies as an education agency partner cannot also serve as the research institution partner in the same project.

Deadline:

Letter of Intent - June 5, 2014

Congressional Fellowships on Women and Public Policy

The WREI Fellowships are designed to train women as potential leaders in public policy formation and to examine issues from the perspective and experiences and needs of women. Fellows come to Washington, DC, following a mandatory two-week orientation to Capitol Hill in January. Fellows meet once a week at issue seminars with women's advocates, activists, Congressional staff, researchers, and lobbyists. Fellows work as legislative assistants on policy issues.

The program is designed to:

- Encourage more effective participation by women in the formulation of policy options;
- Promote activities that encourage the translation of research into policy;
- Raise awareness that national and international issues concerning women are interdependent;
- Increase understanding that those issues often defined as "women's issues" are, in fact, human issues - important to men as well as women.

Eligibility

Students who are currently enrolled in a master's, doctoral, or professional degree program at an accredited institution in the U.S. or who have completed such a program within the past 18 months are eligible.

WREI strongly recommends that applicants have completed at least nine hours of graduate coursework before applying, and have a demonstrated interest in research or political activity relevant to women's social and political status.

Fellows may come from virtually any field, including medicine, the law, the arts, the natural sciences, the social sciences, women's studies, and business.

Amount \$11,600USD

Between five and seven fellowships will be available, depending on funding. WREI Fellows receive a stipend of approximately \$1,450 per month for eight months (January-August). An additional sum of up to \$500 is provided... more »

Requirements

Graduate Student

Citizenship or Residency

United States

More Info: <http://www.wrei.org/FellowsFAQ.htm>

Deadline: June 14th 2014

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David N. Kershaw Award and Prize

The David N. Kershaw Award and Prize is offered every other year if a suitable recipient is identified. Funding for the award comes from a memorial endowment established following the death of David N. Kershaw and managed by independent trustees. The award was established to honor persons who, at under the age of 40, have made a distinguished contribution to the field of public policy analysis and management. David Kershaw was the first president of Mathematica Policy Research; he died of cancer at the age of 37. The 17th award in the series is planned for November 2014 in conjunction with the APPAM Fall Research Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The award consists of a commemorative medal and a cash prize of \$10,000. This prize is among the largest awards made to recognize contributions related to public policy and social science. The 2014 recipient will be announced in advance of the APPAM Fall Conference, and invited to give a talk at the conference about the research recognized by the award.

A nominee must be under the age of 40 at the time the nomination is made (but not necessarily at the time the award is bestowed). A person may be nominated again if not selected for the current award. Any body of work will be considered, although the selection committee may, from time to time, decide to establish time limits for what may be considered. The selection committee may decide not to make an award in any particular year. Joint awards for a single contribution will be considered where the contribution can be clearly identified and attributed.

According to the rules governing the award endowment, the selection committee always consists of the president of Mathematica Policy Research, the president of APPAM, and the dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

Nominations may be made by any individual or organization. (Individuals may nominate their own work.) The letter of nomination (with the nominee's current address, email address, and phone number) should include a nominating essay, the c.v./resume of the nominee and written evidence of the nominee's contribution in the form of an article, book, report or other appropriate evidence. The latter requirement is to provide convincing evidence of the nominee's responsibility for the contribution identified. Nominations should be emailed to Paul Decker, President, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. at Kershaw2014@mathematica-mpr.com or sent by regular mail at PO Box 2393, Princeton, NJ 08543-2393, or by delivery service at 600 Alexander Park, Princeton, NJ 08540.

Deadline:
July 16, 2014

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Peter H. Rossi Award for Contributions to the Theory or Practice of Program Evaluation

The Peter H. Rossi Award honors the lifetime achievements of Peter Rossi by recognizing important contributions to the theory or practice of program evaluation. The award may be for a recent paper or publication or for an entire body of work. The awardee gives a major talk at the annual Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM), and receives a plaque, reimbursement for travel expenses to the meeting, and a cash award in the amount of \$2,000.

The APPAM Policy Council approved this award on April 8, 2005. Funding for the award comes from an endowment managed by the University System of Maryland Foundation, Inc.

Nominations may be made by any individual or organization. (Individuals may nominate their own work.) Nominations may be based on a recent paper or publication, or an entire body of work. The selection committee holds the right to, from time to time, establish time limits for what may be considered. When appropriate, joint awards will be made for coauthored works or joint products.

The paper, publication, or body of work may involve any aspect of planning, conducting, or analyzing evaluations of social programs and may be directed to lay or professional audiences. The work should reflect the importance of precision and objectivity in setting the evaluation framework, design, execution, and reporting, as well as the value of evidence-based presentation or translation for varied audiences. Illustrative examples include works on the state of evaluation or knowledge in a particular substantive field, new approaches to program evaluation, and program evaluation and its role in the political decision making process.

The letter of nomination (with the nominee's current address, email address, and phone number) should detail the contributions made by the work to the field of evaluation, and should include the paper or relevant parts of the body of work.

Nominations should be sent via e-mail to:

Professor Douglas J. Besharov
School of Public Policy
University of Maryland
Besharov@umd.edu

Deadline:

September 1, 2014

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Research Travel Grants

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation awards grants of up to \$2,000 each in support of research in the holdings of the Gerald R. Ford Library. A grant defrays travel and living expenses of a research trip to the Ford Library. Overseas applicants are welcome to apply, but they will be responsible for the costs of travel between their home country and North America. The grants only cover travel within North America.

Library collections focus on Federal policies, U.S. foreign relations, and national politics in the 1960s and 1970s. There are earlier and later materials depending upon your topic

How do I apply?

You may download the application in Microsoft Word format. Before you apply, please contact the Library for information about holdings related to your project. To apply, please send the application form, a vita, and a two or three-page project proposal to the Library by mail, fax, or e-mail. The proposal should provide both a description of the project and the ways in which Ford Library resources can advance the research. Ask three professional references to send supporting letters of recommendation by mail, fax, or e-mail. Letters of recommendation must be received by the first day of the month after the application deadline (**October 1** for the fall round). Grant applications lacking the full complement of recommendations by these dates may be deemed incomplete and held for consideration in a later round.

When are the application deadlines?

Awards are made twice yearly. Application deadlines are **MARCH 15** and **SEPTEMBER 15**. If you submit your application by mail, it must be postmarked by the deadline. You may submit applications at any time, and those received too late for one round will automatically be considered in the next.

How and when are grants awarded?

Selection criteria are pertinence of "open" Library holdings, project significance, appropriateness of project design, and applicant qualifications. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation typically authorizes \$30,000-\$35,000 for grants each year.

The Grants Coordinator will notify grant recipients about two months after the deadline. Grants must support research conducted after the awards are announced and will not be awarded retroactively for research already conducted. The Library staff presents the grant check when the recipient arrives to begin research.

Grant recipients must begin Ford Library research within one year of receiving an award notice, acknowledge Foundation support in the resulting publication(s), and donate to the Library a copy of the publication(s).

What other grants are available through the Gerald R. Ford Library?

The "Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award (Dissertation Award) in Honor of Robert Teeter" in the amount of \$5,000 is given annually to one individual to support dissertation research on an aspect of the U.S. political process during the latter part of the twentieth century.

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Fulbright Program for U.S. Students

The Institute of International Education (IIE), on behalf of the U.S. State Department, administers the Student Fulbright Program, which makes fellowships available to approximately 1,900 U.S. students annually to study, conduct research, and teach English or train in the creative arts in more than 140 countries worldwide. At U-M this competition is administered by the International Institute.

Eligibility Requirements: To apply for this program through the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus, applicants must (a) be U-M students, alumni, or staff; (b) be U.S. citizens; (c) have completed an undergraduate degree by the beginning of the award; and (d) demonstrate the language skills necessary to complete the proposed project. Enrolled students are required to apply through U-M.

Deadline: Early September 2014

Information Sessions: A U-M Fulbright Program Advisor will describe the application and selection process and provide suggestions for making your application more competitive.

Application Submission:

Applicants must submit a completed Online Application which includes the following:

- o Statement of Grant Purpose (single-spaced, 12-pt. font, a maximum of 2 pages for the full grant, a maximum of 1 page for the ETA grant)
- o Personal Statement (single-spaced, 12-pt. font, a maximum of 1 page)
- o Three Letters of Recommendation (narrative letter for full grant, short answer for the ETA)
- o Transcript(s) for all undergraduate and graduate work (if any)
- o Foreign Language Evaluation, if language skills applicable to your project
- o Letter(s) of Affiliation (strongly recommended for full grant, not applicable for ETA)
- o Supplementary Materials (creative and performing arts applicants ONLY)

Advising: Applicants should familiarize themselves with all sections of the Fulbright website, paying special attention to the About, Countries, and Applicants sections. Students should also attend an Information Session (see above). After attending an Information Session, students should meet individually with a Fulbright Program Advisor:

Graduate students, professional school students, and applicants in the arts should meet with Kelly Peckens (kpeckens@umich.edu, 734.764.9135).

Undergraduate students, ETA applicants, and alumni should meet with Heather Johnson (hdilla@umich.edu, 734.615.8483).

Website: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

CTools: U-M enrolled students and alumni can now join our "Fulbright Resources" site on CTools. To join, simply login to CTools using your username and password. Click on "Membership" and then "Joinable Sites." There you can search for our "Fulbright Resources" site and click to join. The Statements of Grant Purpose and Personal Statements of both our past full grant recipients and ETA grant recipients, as well as previous Letters of Affiliation, are available.

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The German Chancellor Fellowship for Tomorrow's Leaders

Send an application, if you:

- *are a prospective leader from Brazil, China, India, Russia or the USA and have already acquired initial leadership experience
- *work in a sector such as politics, economics, the media, administration and culture
- *would be interested in spending a year working on a project you have developed yourself with a host of your choice in Germany

We offer you:

- *a monthly fellowship of 2,150 EUR, 2,450 EUR or 2,750 EUR, depending on your qualifications
- *individual mentoring during your stay in Germany
- *additional financial support for items such as family members accompanying you, travel expenses or a German language course
- *a study tour of Germany and a number of events during which you can make contact with other fellows and representatives of German companies and institutions
- *extensive alumni sponsorship, particularly to help you sustain contact with collaborative partners in Germany during your entire professional career

Please consult the Programme Information for details of the application requirements and fellowship specifications.

The Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany is the patron of this fellowship programme. The Foundation grants up to 50 German Chancellor Fellowships annually – up to ten for each country.

Deadline:

Submit your application by 15 September. The fellowship begins on 1 October of the following year.

More Information:

<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/german-chancellor-fellowship.html>

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King-Chavez-Parks Initiative, Future Faculty Fellowship Program

The King-Chavez-Parks Future Faculty Fellowship Program is funded by the State of Michigan and is intended to increase the pool of traditionally underrepresented candidates pursuing faculty teaching careers in postsecondary education. Preference may not be given to applicants on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, gender, or national origin. Applications are encouraged from minorities, women, people with disabilities, and individuals from cultural, linguistic, geographic, and socio-economic backgrounds who would otherwise not adequately be represented in the graduate student and faculty populations.

Eligibility

- *Admitted to study in a master's or doctoral program at the University of Michigan.
- *In good academic standing.
- *Not currently a recipient of a KCP Initiative Fellowship Award at another institution.
- *Have not received another KCP Fellowship award for the same degree level (master's or doctorate).
- *Not currently in default status on any guaranteed student loan and/or a KCP Loan.
- *A citizen of the United States.
- *A resident of the State of Michigan who meets the University of Michigan's requirements for residency.
- *Planning and able to teach in postsecondary education.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of faculty members affiliated with the Rackham Graduate School. Preference will be given to applicants who meet the following selection criteria:

- *Outstanding academic credentials and recommendations
- *Close to completing their studies
- *Present a convincing case for the use of the fellowship
- *Resident of the State of Michigan per the U-M Registrar's Office classification
- *Personal statement of purpose indicates a plan to teach or secure an administrative position in a postsecondary position after completion of degree

Award Description

The amount of the KCP Future Faculty Fellowship Award will depend on the student's financial needs. The maximum available award is \$20,000 for master's students and \$35,000 for doctoral students. The award can be used as a stipend or to help pay tuition.

Application Procedure

Applicants can submit an online application which includes the following at <https://secure.rackham.umich.edu/Fellowships/apps/index.php?entry=3>:

Deadline:

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Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP)

The program is a multi-partisan leadership training programs designed to give graduates the knowledge and skills needed to make sound public policy decisions and to be effective leaders of the future. Applications are sought from individuals who are interested in enhancing their leadership and political skills in order to better serve communities, constituencies, or causes.

Annually, a diverse group of individuals is awarded the opportunity to participate in a hands-on curriculum that incorporates personal leadership development, public policy process and analysis, governance, and campaigning. Practical skills training is emphasized. Fellows participate in team and coalition-building activities to foster communication and the exchange of ideas. The MPLP faculty is comprised of elected officials, political activists, MSU faculty, media, and business professionals from across Michigan.

Weekend Schedule:

There are 10 sessions throughout the course year. Sessions are generally scheduled every third/ fourth Friday of the month, February through November, and begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Most sessions conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Full participation is required. Applicants should be available to attend all sessions to be considered for a fellowship.

Eligibility

Any Michigan resident who has demonstrated a commitment to effective, responsible public policy and is planning to further that commitment is welcome to apply. Due to campaign demands, MPLP typically does not accept applications from candidates or candidate staff who will be engaged in a campaign during the fellowship year.

Amount \$12,000USD

24 individuals are selected for the program. Considerable financial resources and time are donated to support each fellowship, valued at approximately \$12,000. The fellowship covers the participants' lodging, meals and program costs; however, accepted Fellows are asked to pay an administrative fee of \$1,000 to participate in this program. Scholarship funds to defray the administrative fee are available on a limited basis and may be formally requested upon application.

Citizenship or Residency

United States

More Info: <http://ippsr.msu.edu/mplp/recruitment.htm>

Deadline: Continuous/Ongoing

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Distinguished Awards for Interdisciplinary Sustainability

To foster high-impact sustainability collaborations across the University of Michigan, the Dow Sustainability Fellows program includes a competition for applied sustainability projects that cut across disciplines and academic levels, and involve U-M students at all academic levels.

Request for Proposals

The program seeks two-page project proposals that describe a compelling and practicable effort to foster sustainability at the local, national, or global level. Proposals should be action oriented and outline a new product, service, or project that seeks to protect the environment and enhance quality of life for present and future generations. The program encourages proposals spanning the full breadth of sustainability topics, including but not limited to: energy, water, communities, food, built environment, transportation, etc. Project proposals in partnership with external entities are also welcome. As there are other U-M student award programs that recognize efforts to implement sustainability improvements directed at the U-M campus, the Dow Awards program is instead focused on improvements beyond the campus environment.

The 2014 Dow Awards Program is loosely modeled after the successful MCubed program in that it provides seed funding to nurture a wide range of project ideas. To be minimally eligible, each team must include a representative from three different schools/colleges. All project teams selected to receive \$5,000 in seed funding must provide a progress report by Oct. 1, 2014 summarizing their accomplishments. A few of the most impressive projects will then be selected to receive additional funding to drive further progress.

Proposals are reviewed by an independent committee of U-M faculty and external practitioners from business, government, and civil society. It is envisioned that up to two project proposals in a calendar year will be awarded with Distinguished Awards of up to \$50,000 each. All award funds must be used for project implementation. Disbursement of funds will be staged and will be contingent upon satisfactory progress and achievement of pre-identified project milestones.

Timeframe

Two-page project proposals may be submitted at any time between mid-January and August 1, or until the first 20 project proposals have been funded, whichever occurs first. Award winners are announced in November. Award winners are required to present their projects, including progress toward implementation, on the U-M campus in early April of the following year before a distinguished and diverse group of external sustainability practitioners.

Deadline: Continuous/Ongoing