

OUR PARTNER SERVICES

2026 SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

EDUCATION PIONEERS

Grow your team's **leadership and capacity** next summer.

Our 10-week Summer Fellowship gives you access to high-potential leaders who provide dedicated support in strategy, operations, project management, or data analytics for a defined project over the summer.

In 2026, we are excited to partner with school districts, charter school networks, state agencies, and other education entities in Washington, D.C., the New York City Metro Area, Chicago, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Texas (Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston).

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Access skilled talent

Highly-qualified professionals sourced from top graduate schools and beyond.

Advance meaningful work

Dedicated capacity to tackle urgent initiatives and strategic projects that advance your mission.

Invest in the future

Nearly 70% of EP's 4,700+ Alumni are still working in education, with 1 in 3 holding senior leadership roles.

Grow your capacity.

Fellows bring fresh ideas, transferable skills, and the ability to thrive in complex systems.

Your investment addresses critical gaps in the education sector.

For more than 20 years, EP has served as a vital and unique entry point for highly skilled general management leadership talent to enter and advance in the education sector.

EP works with you up front to scope the right project, then provides Fellow onboarding, coaching, and professional development so you're supported throughout the 10 weeks.

Total Cost: \$13,500

EP's partnership fee of \$3,500 offsets the recruitment of high-potential talent, provision of professional development, and associated travel costs to Fellow programming. Fellows receive a \$10,000 stipend paid through your organization's payroll over 10 weeks.



IMPACTING EDUCATION NOW

EP's approach has helped organizations solve for very real challenges faced in today's education landscape:



- Ease the strain on overextended teams through dedicated support on key projects.
- Solve for sector challenges and pressures around post-pandemic recovery, innovation, and data-driven decision-making.
- Meet the need for fresh ideas that drive transformative change.
- Achieve organizational goals.
- Supply increased demand for talent market shortages to advance special projects and initiatives at the systems level.
- Access lasting connections for support and collaboration.



LEARN MORE

Have a project EP can support?
Reach out to partnerships@educationpioneers.org

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Invest in **high-potential talent**.

Our Summer Fellows are mid-career professionals (typically 2+ years of work experience) who can bring relevant skills and experience to mission-critical, time-sensitive, and time-bound priorities and initiatives. We intentionally recruit from MBA and MPP programs in order to build critical capacity in **four core areas**.



DATA & ANALYSIS

- Design and maintain internal databases and dashboards
- Perform financial or student achievement analysis



STRATEGY & PLANNING

- Identify opportunities for school site expansion
- Develop organizational strategic plans



OPERATIONS

- Oversee facilities and transportation initiatives
- Ensure compliance with critical laws and contracts



PROGRAM & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Develop and manage complex cross-team project plans
- Implement and launch a new family engagement program

These examples illustrate potential project deliverables but are not exhaustive or restrictive.



REFER A COLLEAGUE!

As we expand our geographical footprint, we are eager to grow our partnership network. Please have interested colleagues reach out to partnerships@educationpioneers.org or visit educationpioneers.org/host-a-fellow

SUMMER FELLOW SPOTLIGHTS



Doc Dillard

2024 Summer Fellow
Chicago Public Schools

Identified cost efficiencies across vendor management. As a result, CPS was able to continue working with their vendors to deliver high-quality products and services that were not financially detrimental to the larger organization.



Erica Lee

2025 Summer Fellow
San Jose Unified School District

Supported the district's initiative to build affordable housing in order to recruit staff amid a local cost-of-living crisis by creating the project infrastructure and developing a communications and engagement plan to guide the project's next phase.



Chris Bernhart

2024 Summer Fellow
Commit Partnership

Conducted research to identify a customer relationship management system for tracking stakeholder relationships across the state. His recommendations shaped the organization's strategy to adopt a system.



NEXT STEPS



CONNECT WITH EP

Reach out to partnerships@educationpioneers.org to discuss your needs or join a virtual info session.

OCTOBER - MARCH



SUBMIT PLACEMENT APPLICATION

Finalize project details with your EP Partnerships Point of Contact.

PRIORITY ROUND: JAN. 26
FINAL ROUND: MAR. 16



MEET FINALISTS

Match with and interview potential Summer Fellows who meet your needs.

PRIORITY ROUND: FEB. 17-APR. 4
FINAL ROUND: APR. 6-22



FELLOWSHIP

Your Fellow begins placement in June 2026 (specific dates TBD).

JUNE 8-AUG. 14