



STRATEGIC DATA PROJECT

PARTNER PROJECTS

Generate Evidence of Program Effectiveness

Improve Agency-wide Data Governance

Predict College-Readiness and Success

Design and Disseminate Educator Data Dashboards

Diagnose Teacher Recruitment and Retention Trends

Develop Rigorous Measures of Social and Emotional Learning

Assess Reliability and Validity of SLOs

Examine Equity Gaps

Build Tools for Evidence-Based Budgeting

BECOME A PARTNER

EDUCATION NEEDS EVIDENCE

Education agencies have more data than ever.

Yet having data is not enough to improve student outcomes.

We need:

- the **right people** to organize, analyze, and use that data to create evidence for better decision-making.
- the **right training** to ask and answer the critical questions.
- the **right tools** and resources to make data change sustainable.

Partner with the Strategic Data Project (SDP) Fellowship to gain access to the people, training, and tools to make a difference.

BUILD YOUR DATA TEAM

SDP, a program of the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard University, recruits and cultivates data talent in education agencies across the country.

Education agencies partner with the SDP Fellowship by hosting a data fellow that is matched according to the organization's needs, or enrolling one of their own employees as an agency fellow. Through the two-year program, partners are able to participate in the following advantages.

Increase Capacity

Fellows engage in a comprehensive curriculum, which includes data management and governance, visualization, stakeholder communication, research, and evaluation.

Commission a Project

Supported by nationally recognized faculty advisors, fellows conduct a structured problem analysis specific to your organization's needs. This work results in quality evidence and action-oriented insights to inform your decision-making.

Join a Learning Community

Partners and fellows have access to a growing network of data strategists, in-person workshops, and online resources, such as webinars and statistical code.





“Knowing what strategies make a difference through the use of data has taken us from 34% to 54% of our students being college and career ready just two years later.”

*-Karen Dodd,
Kentucky Department of Education*

ACCESS A NATIONAL NETWORK OF DATA AND ANALYTIC CAPACITY

To date, SDP has partnered with over 100 education agencies, including state and local education agencies, charter management organizations, funders, and nonprofit organizations. We have engaged nine cohorts of fellows to date, totaling over 250 fellows and alumni in the field.

Fellows come from diverse professional backgrounds, but share an interest in effecting change in education organizations and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of students across the country. The SDP Fellowship features two kinds of fellows:

Data fellows are recruited by SDP via a competitive nationwide search and matched to an SDP partner organization where they serve as full-time, paid, agency employees. They bring impressive credentials in statistics, data management, and research methods.

Agency fellows are current employees who have been identified as analytic leaders in their agency. They are the rising stars of their organization who, with additional training and attention, will take on leadership roles.

INVEST IN EVIDENCE: BECOME AN SDP PARTNER

By participating in the fellowship, both fellows and their host agencies will grow advanced analytic capacity, develop clear priorities and plans for data use and data systems, build organizational willingness to use data for decision-making, and uncover valuable insight about performance.

Host a data fellow, recruited and matched for your organization

In addition to the benefits above, partners will receive a top-notch data strategist, screened by experts at Harvard University, and specifically matched with your needs.

(Two-year partnership cost: \$57,000, plus base salary)

Enroll one of your own employees as an agency fellow

Partners receive the partnership benefits above and enroll an existing analytic leader as a fellow.

(Two-year partnership cost: \$47,000)

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