



## STRATEGIC DATA PROJECT

# Make a Measurable Difference in Education: Become a Data Fellow

The **Strategic Data Project (SDP)**, a program of the **Center for Education Policy Research (CEPR)** at **Harvard University**, finds and develops the next generation of data leaders to uncover trends, measure solutions, and effectively communicate evidence to stakeholders in education.

The prestigious **SDP Fellowship** program provides a unique opportunity for passionate quantitative researchers and data strategists who want to put their skills to work to improve public education. SDP Fellows are placed in school systems and education organizations across the country where they will effect positive change while accumulating skills and experiences that can advance their careers.



**“This fellowship opened up a new horizon for me and guided me to this new career path. I expanded my network to include a group of people who are all passionate about education and data use, like me.”**

*—SDP Fellow Alum, 2017*



### **DRIVE IMPROVEMENT USING DATA**

Over the course of the two-year fellowship, you will work with senior education leaders to carry out data-driven analyses and policy-oriented projects designed to improve outcomes for students.

### **GROW YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

Participate in a tailored curriculum in measurement, analysis, leadership, and education policy delivered by Harvard-affiliated researchers and practitioners.



### **EXPAND YOUR NETWORK**

Join a powerful, growing community of forward-thinking data advocates and leaders in more than 20 states and 100+ education organizations. Collaborate with leading scholars and researchers at Harvard University and beyond.

Over the last ten years, SDP Fellows have been placed in hundreds of host agencies nationwide, both urban and rural, based on varying needs. Past placements include:

Boston Public Schools

Cleveland Metropolitan School District

College Board

Denver Public Schools

District of Columbia Public Schools

Education Northwest

Kentucky Department of Education

Los Angeles Unified School District

Michigan Department of Education

New York State Department of Education

New Visions for Public Schools

Teach for America



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## GAIN PRACTICAL SKILLS WHILE MAKING AN IMPACT

SDP Fellows are placed in full-time roles at host agencies based on need, including school districts, charter management organizations, state education departments, foundations, and education nonprofits.

As a fellow, you and your host agency will develop clear priorities and plans for using data and build organizational willingness to use data for decision-making.

In the past, fellows have tackled projects in the following focus areas:

- program evaluation
- data visualization
- early warning indicator systems
- data management and governance
- survey design and analysis
- data dashboards
- student pathways and postsecondary success
- teacher quality

**“SDP brings together a truly amazing group of passionate, brilliant, and hard working individuals...It was an honor to participate.”**

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## BECOME AN SDP FELLOW

SDP 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.

SDP seeks candidates who possess:

- a strong background in applied quantitative analysis;
- an advanced degree (Master’s level or higher);
- at least four years of relevant work experience;
- a demonstrated passion for education reform;
- a track record of collaboration, humility, and driving change;
- an entrepreneurial and innovative spirit;
- an openness to relocation;
- flexibility, adaptability, and persistence; and,
- the ability to communicate complex information to various audiences.

SDP Data Fellows earn a salary between \$70,000 and \$90,000 plus benefits.

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