

Improvement Research Fellowship Letter of Interest

Due: Friday, May 10, 2019

Submit to: Jon Dolle (jdolle@wested.org)

The Improvement Research Fellowship is a 12-month, team-based experience for CSU-District teacher preparation partnerships. The fellowship supports partnership teams to achieve improved program outcomes, build improvement capacity, and build knowledge about how to improve teacher preparation.

Currently WestEd has a proposal under review by the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation. If funded, we anticipate launching a second Improvement Research Fellowship in June 2019.

To ensure a quick launch to the fellowship (if funded), we encourage interested partnerships to submit a short letter of interest by Friday, May 10, 2019 to Jon Dolle, Senior Research Associate at WestEd: jdolle@wested.org. Letters of interest should include the following:

- **Problem Statement** (300 words or less). What problem do you anticipate your team will address through the fellowship?
- **Fellows & Key Leaders**. Please list the names, affiliations, and email addresses of team members (4) and key leaders (2) you anticipate participating in the fellowship. Note: each team must include at least one district representative.
- **Availability**. Please confirm your team's availability for the fellowship learning session dates (below), noting any unavoidable conflicts.

Learning Sessions	(Tentative) Date / Location
Session 1 (Fellows & Leaders) -- 2 days	June 13-14, 2019 (Alameda, CA)
Session 2 (Fellows only) -- 2 days	September 26-27, 2019 (TBD)
Session 3 (Fellows only) -- 2 days	December 5-6, 2019 (TBD)
Session 4 (Fellows & Leaders) -- 3 days	April 1-3, 2020 (San Francisco, CA)

Additional Details

- If funded, a formal request for proposals will be available in mid-May with applications due and teams selected by early June.
- The fellowship program will last 12 months, from June 2019 through May 2020.
- Any California State University Teacher Preparation Program can apply as a fellowship team comprised of:
 - Four fellows, including at least 1 district partner
 - Two key leaders, one from the district partner and one from the university
- Fellows and key leaders will receive travel and conference support to attend the Carnegie Summit on Improvement in Education.
- Fellows will receive a stipend.
- Each fellowship team will be expected to develop and submit a conference proposal or manuscript by May 31, 2020.
- The fellowship support structure has the following components:
 - **Learning Sessions.** Four in-person learning sessions (dates above) are designed to introduce new improvement content.
 - **Coaching.** During action periods in-between learning sessions, teams will have regular coaching calls with an improvement coach.
 - **Virtual Support.** In addition to coaching, occasional virtual meetings will be used to review projects, provide writing support, and connect with other teams.
- Learning Session content. Learning sessions will cover the following topics:
 - Theory of Improvement
 - Measurement for Improvement
 - Disciplined Testing
 - Leadership & Teamwork
 - Network Learning
 - Research & Publication

Questions?

Please contact Jon Dolle at jdolle@wested.org