The Partnering in Education Research (PIER) Fellowship is designed to train Harvard University doctoral students on how to conduct quantitative education research in partnership with school districts and state education agencies.

An interdisciplinary, university-wide program, PIER Fellows will learn how to:

- **identify questions** that are compelling to state and local policymakers as well as to their fellow academics;
- **work with leaders not trained in research methods**, but who have a deep appreciation of the implementation challenges created by “academic” research designs;
- **assemble and analyze administrative data**—the vast bulk of which was not collected with research in mind; and
- **present to multiple audiences**, including the district and state leaders who might act on the results and who control the data for future projects.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Pro-seminar Series with Leaders in the Field**
  Research Project Operations and Partnerships

- **Ten-Week Internship at a School Agency**
  Insight into the Role of Research in the Real World

- **PIER Summit Conference**
  Brainstorm New Research Projects with Practitioners

- **Research Apprenticeship with Harvard Faculty**
  Dig into Data Assembly and Analysis

- **Independent Research**
  Gain Experience Working with Multiple Audiences

- **Required Coursework**
  Quantitative Methods and Education Policy

- **Additional Financial Support**
  Second year: Up to $5,000 (*plus Harvard stipend*)
  Third & fourth year: $25,000 (*research apprenticeship*)
  Professional support: $2,000/yr (*research, travel, and conference participation*)

*Note: Funding for this program ends June 2020*

**ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION**

Ph.D. students in social science disciplines in FAS, HKS, and HGSE are eligible to apply for fellowships that will start in their second or third year of study.

**U.S. citizenship required.**

**Application Timeline:**
Available February 1–March 30

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