

NC Education Policy Fellowship Program

ABOUT

The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a national program that engages a diverse and collaborative community of strategic leaders to promote equitable education policy. The North Carolina Education Policy Fellowship Program (NC EPFP) is the only statewide program of its kind that focuses on leadership and professional development in the context of education policy.

Each new class continues the trend of attracting high-caliber participants and is rich in its members' range of experiences, both professionally and personally. Fellows come from public schools, higher education, community colleges, state agencies, and a diverse array of education organizations across North Carolina. Each class comprises a cohort of Fellows who focus on developing their knowledge on education policy issues and the wide range of factors that influence education in North Carolina.



NC EPFP has graduated
1113 fellows



The national program
was created in **1954**



EPFP has **10,000** Alumni
across all 50 states.

TESTIMONIALS

"EPFP has been one of the most amazing experiences of my educational career! I have learned and grown so much as a teacher and also as a human being. The sessions were well-prepared and meaningful to each of us!! We learned through listening, practicing with hands-on projects, and also found and strengthened our voices. I would recommend this fellowship to every educator, principal, superintendent, and all others invested and involved in education today."

"The word that came to mind when I was reflecting was 'empowerment.' My time this year in EPFP showed me that I DO belong in these policy spaces and that I am allowed and encouraged to invite myself in!"

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THE FELLOWSHIP

NC EPFP is an immersive professional and leadership development experience. The cohort meets an average of once a month from September to April in varying learning formats, such as 2-day retreats, weekday sessions, and an annual trip to Washington, DC. Fellows also participate in a policy project with an opportunity to present their policy solutions to state elected officials.

In the 2020-21 Fellowship year, we transitioned EPFP to a robust all-virtual program due to COVID-19. Moving forward, we will resume in-person sessions as soon as possible, but will continue to offer a virtual option for certain meetings to facilitate participation for fellows across the state. Although they may look and feel different, they have served as enriching experiences for participants.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

Kick-off and two-day Fall Retreat on the history and context for public education in North Carolina in Raleigh

DECEMBER

Two-day winter Retreat in Blowing Rock, NC

MARCH

Washington Policy Seminar in Washington, DC, in March which brings together Fellows from EPFP programs across the country

NOVEMBER

Panels with local and statewide elected officials

JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Monthly sessions, typically focused on policy analysis and funding

APRIL

Spring Retreat which includes the annual EPFP Legislative Day and Graduation in Raleigh.

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FELLOWS BENEFIT THROUGH

- A 9 month professional development program that builds capacity from a foundation of equity and action-oriented projects
- Learning about processes and outcomes of policy making and implementation at local, national, and state levels
- Expanding the knowledge, skills, and practices of leaders able to effect positive change
- Developing relationships with diverse colleagues and ability to collaborate
Interactive regional leadership forums and the national Washington Policy Seminar
- Joining a lifelong professional network of 9,500 alumni in all 50 states.

EMPLOYERS BENEFIT THROUGH

- Access to a professional program endorsed by premier policy and leadership institutions
- Better informed, more skillful employees
- Employees who are prepared to assume greater leadership responsibilities and make contributions to equitable public policy and practice
- Expanded professional networks



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