



IES-UTSA P20 Pathways to Education Research Training Program 2022-23 Fellows Application Form

The Institute of Education Sciences' Pathways to the Education Sciences Research Training program (Award #R305B210028) through the University of Texas at San Antonio -- **P20 Pathways to Education Research Training Program (IES-UTSA P20 Pathways)** will fund 12 undergraduate students to support education research training that promotes diversity and prepares underrepresented students for doctoral study. The IES UTSA P20 Pathways Program will provide fellows, especially from underrepresented backgrounds, with an introduction to education science research and scientific methods, meaningful opportunities to participate in education research studies, networking, professional development and mentoring that leads to doctoral study.

The primary objective of the fellowship-training program is to provide undergraduate juniors at UTSA with experiences in conducting education research while preparing participants for doctoral study. The training program's theme focuses on research addressing inequities that exist in students' educational experiences, transitions, and outcomes from preschool through graduate school. **This fellowship program funds students in all disciplines with a focus on education science.**

In the fall and spring semesters, students (IES-UTSA Fellows) accepted to the Program will participate in informal seminars to improve research and writing skills and to support identification of graduate programs. These seminars will be held on Main Campus on Fridays from 2 to 4 PM. IES-UTSA Fellows will be paired with UTSA faculty mentors and participate (7-10 hours per week) in their ongoing research apprenticeships in education science research projects. During Spring Break 2023, fellows will participate in a 1-week Young Scientist Institute (YSI) Workshop at UTSA led by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). During the 2023 summer term, fellows will attend a 1-week long UTSA-Stanford Research Institute at Stanford University that will address research related to P20 Education Research Issues, dual language learners, academic/research careers, academic skills and methodology, research design, and requirements for Ph.D. programs. Optional research summer internships will be offered by our program collaborators, including: Georgia State University, Educational Testing Service (ETS), and University of Wisconsin-Madison. These opportunities may happen virtually or in person, with covered travel expenses and a stipend. **The fall of the fellows' senior year**, staff and mentors will assist fellows in applying to graduate programs.

IES-UTSA Fellows must be able to attend all the program sessions and complete all program activities, including conducting research, attend mentoring sessions, poster presentations, and applications to graduate programs. Fellows selected to the IES-UTSA Pathways Training Program will receive (1) a stipend totaling \$6,000*; (2) a small research fund; (3) travel funds to attend workshops, institutes and/or academic conferences; and (4) application fees to graduate school admissions. The funds are subject to participation/completion of all program activities.

Nondiscrimination Policy HOP 9.01: It is the policy of the University at San Antonio (UTSA) to provide an educational and working environment that provides equal opportunity to all members of the UTSA community. In accordance with federal and state law, UTSA prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, citizenship, gender identity, gender expression, and veteran status in all aspects of employment and education. Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is also prohibited pursuant to this policy.

* The \$6,000 stipend will be disbursed through the UTSA Financial Aid Office in monthly installments during the fall and spring semesters. the stipend might affect your financial aid packet. Please consult with a Financial Aid Advisor at UTSA One Stop Enrollment Center for financial advice.



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The American Education Research Association (AERA) proposes the following definition for Education Science Researchers:

Researchers in Education Science study, measure, and/or assess education and learning processes and the human attributes, interactions, organizations, and institutions that shape educational and learning outcomes across all levels of education throughout the life span. Education research scholars may collect and/or analyze data using the full spectrum of research methods and modes of analysis.

Applicants Must:

Be a junior enrolled part-time or full-time in a UTSA bachelor's program

- Have completed between 60 and 90 credit hours
- Be enrolled at UTSA or transferring from one of the Alamo Colleges into UTSA
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Demonstrate potential and expressed interest in pursuing a graduate program to conduct education research in any discipline

Other Requirements

The fellow's research focus must be relevant to U.S. education

- The fellow must respond to IES requests for information, and
- The fellow must comply with IES guidelines for acknowledgement of funding and for submission of final, peer-reviewed manuscripts after they have been accepted for publication.
- The fellow agrees to participate in all IES components as described in the Terms of Participation from (i.e. informal seminar, apprenticeship, workshops, presentations of research, application to graduate programs)

The Online Application must include:

Completed Application Form

1. Resume
2. Degree Plan from Degree Works
3. Unofficial Transcripts – available on ASAP free of charge
4. Two letters of recommendation from faculty or persons familiar with your academic work
 1. Your academic advisor
 2. A faculty member who can assess your potential for research **or**
 3. A faculty member who can assess your work ethic
5. A narrative no more than 2 pages (12 point, Times New Roman, 1-inch margins, double spaced) covering all the following topics:

- **Background and life experiences/challenges**
- **Your interest in The UTSA IES Educational Research Training Program: P-20 Pipeline Issues**
- **Explain your area of discipline which focuses on education science (this includes key impacts on local community, state on national education issues)**
- **Personal career goals**
- **Describe any financial challenges you have experienced**



The priority deadline to submit application is **August 1, 2022**

<https://pathways.utsa.edu/forms/>



Please complete the online application form and upload all the required documents and letters of recommendation in the QR Code link. You may also email them to:

Francesca Bronder,
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You will receive an e-mail confirmation upon receipt of your application. A committee comprised of UTSA faculty and staff will review applications.

For questions, please contact Francesca Bronder, francesca.bronder@utsa.edu or pathways@utsa.edu