Education Policy Doctoral Fellow Position

The Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri is seeking applications for a three-year, funded doctoral fellowship training position in education policy. This fellowship will prepare an outstanding graduate student for an academic or applied research career focused on education policy.

The Truman School is deeply interdisciplinary; the diverse academic training of our faculty gives students an opportunity to explore many theoretical and methodological perspectives. While paired with a faculty mentor, the Education Policy Fellow will also work with numerous other national education policy experts from the Truman School and affiliated departments at the University of Missouri. Faculty include:

- **Irma Arteaga**, assistant professor of public affairs, who conducts research on family policy and early childhood interventions
- **Emily Crawford**, assistant professor of educational leadership and policy, who conducts research on international immigration and education policy
- **Bradley Curs**, associate professor of educational leadership and policy, who conducts research on the efficacy of financial aid programs in increasing access to higher education for low-income students
- **Sarah Diem**, associate professor of educational leadership and policy, who conducts research on the social and cultural contexts of education
- **Oded Gurantz**, assistant professor of public affairs, who conducts research on gaps in college enrollment and completion between students from undeserved groups and their more privileged peers
- **Brian Kisida**, assistant professor of public affairs, who conducts research on the effectiveness of educational options and experiences for at-risk students
- **Cory Koedel**, associate professor of economics and public policy, who conducts research on teacher quality and compensation, curriculum evaluation, school choice, and the efficacy of higher education institutions
- **Louis Manfra**, associate professor of human development and family science, who conducts research on early education practices and learning
- **Michael Podgursky**, professor of economics, who conducts research on the economics of education and school finance
- **Stephanie Potochnick**, assistant professor of public affairs and public health, who conducts research on the social demography of immigration and immigrant youth education and health policy
A second, distinct advantage at the Truman School is its emphasis on rigorous research with an explicit focus on the point where theory meets practice. As such, the Education Policy Fellow will gain policy-relevant research experience, including opportunities to collaborate with research centers at the Truman School and throughout the University of Missouri. Research centers include:

- **The Hook Center for Educational Renewal**, which translates research and experience into best practices that help educators more effectively manage and operate schools

- **The Population, Health and Education Center**, which promotes Big Data research and houses the University of Missouri Research Data Center—one of only 24 sites nationwide that are part of the Federal Statistical Research Data Center program

- **The Institute of Public Policy**, which provides independent, nonpartisan, and evidence-based state and national policy recommendations on topics such as food policy, criminal justice policy, public opinion polling, and election forecasting

The Education Policy Fellow will enroll in a specialized coursework plan leading to a Ph.D. in Public Affairs. The program of study may include courses in policy analysis and program evaluation; advanced research methods; education finance, law, and accountability; and the economics of education. The Truman School offers small classes, close relationships with faculty mentors, and opportunities to participate in ongoing research. The result is a rich academic experience that leaves graduates well prepared for academic, research, and policy careers.

The Education Policy Fellowship includes full tuition reimbursement for coursework and a stipend of $18,000 per year. In addition, the Truman School provides annual travel funding for graduate students to attend national and international conferences, as well as support for dissertation-related expenses.

Applications for the Education Policy Fellowship are due by January 4, 2019. To apply, follow the Truman School’s formal application and admissions process and include a description of your interests and qualifications for the Education Policy Fellowship in the personal statement. The process of selection for the fellowship is competitive; a fellowship will be awarded only if a suitable applicant is identified.

We encourage you to visit the Truman School website, [http://truman.missouri.edu/](http://truman.missouri.edu/), where you will find general information about research and studies at the Truman School and more about the interests and expertise of our faculty members as well as current Ph.D. students. Also visit our webpage specifically for prospective students, [http://truman.missouri.edu/prospective-students](http://truman.missouri.edu/prospective-students), where you can read about our doctoral studies program and learn more about the application process and requirements.