

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Welcome Reception

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009

Opening Retreat

Friday - Saturday, Sept. 25-26, 2009

National Washington Policy Seminar

Wednesday - Saturday, April 14-17, 2010
Washington, DC

Colloquiums

Wednesdays, 12 noon - 5 pm

Oct. 14, 2009

Nov. 11, 2009

Dec. 9, 2009

Jan. 13, 2010

Feb. 10, 2010

March 10, 2010

April 28, 2010

May 12, 2010

Graduation Ceremony

TBD

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2009 - 2010 Application Form

EPFP FELLOWS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Develop a broadened understanding of the policy process within the multifaceted context of education and related issues
- Hone their communication and advocacy skills
- Strengthen their potential for leadership
- Expand their network of professional colleagues



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The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a professional development program that provides potential leaders with the knowledge and networks to advance the core issues of education policy. This program is a critical resource for individuals, organizations, and the state to increase knowledge about education policy and linkages between policy and practice. Ultimately EPFP seeks to improve the chances of children and youth to succeed.

Over a nine month commitment, Fellows concentrate on three program strands: public policy, leadership, and professional networking. Fellows will remain in their full-time positions and use their work environment as the context for examining important leadership and policy issues in Georgia.

EPFP is not just another professional development program.

The program will provide Fellows with a unique personal development laboratory for applying new insights and for cultivating new skills. The participants will hear and discuss education policy with respected policymakers from across the state and nation. At the end of the year, Fellows will be better informed, more skillful advocates for sound public policy.

Major program components consist of: (1) monthly colloquiums that provide a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to learning, (2) a national forum at which Fellows from across the nation come together and (3) national webinars on education policy issues.

EPFP also consists of both a state and national network of professionals with a track record of accomplishment. EPFP alumni and affiliates work in a variety of sectors from which they impact education policy and create real change.

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Within the state of Georgia, well-educated professionals continually enter into arenas that impact public education. Within the legislature, school boards, school districts, businesses, social service agencies, educational organizations, foundations, and other nonprofit organizations are talented individuals who have a unique opportunity to influence education policy at the local and state levels. To maximize this impact, these individuals need adequate knowledge and training about both the issues and the policies - federal, state and local - that impact student learning.

Apply to become an EPFP Fellow if you have:

- A passion for education policy and a desire to improve opportunities for all of Georgia's children
- A track record for making things happen both inside and across agencies/organizations
- A commitment to personal and professional development
- A full-time, professional position with substantive work experience
- A bachelor's degree or its equivalent
- The endorsement and financial support of your employing organization

What is my commitment if I am accepted as an EPFP Fellow?

- Participate in 11 sessions over the nine month period including a welcome reception, an opening retreat, eight monthly colloquiums, and a graduation ceremony
- Attend a national forum focusing on policy and participate in national webinars
- Share your experience and knowledge with other Fellows through inquiry, discussions, and presentations
- Conduct independent study and research by reading materials in advance, preparing questions, and completing a self-designed project related to issues explored in the program

How will my organization benefit from my participation in EPFP?

Employers gain:

- Access to a professional program with a proven track record
- Better informed, more skillful employees who understand policy making and the interconnections of education with other sectors
- Employees who are prepared to assume greater leadership responsibilities
- Employees equipped to make dynamic, research-based contributions to education policy and practice
- Expanded professional networks that enhance the organization's ability to access key leaders and decision makers who shape policy on behalf of children and youth

What is my employer's commitment in supporting my participation?

- To be sensitive to EPFP meetings and forum by allowing release time from work
- Pay tuition of \$2,500 plus all travel-related expenses to the national forum and monthly colloquiums

Note: Sponsoring agency will be notified if a Fellow misses a session with the exception of coordinator's approval of absence due to an emergency.

ADDED VALUE OF EPFP!

Our inaugural Fellows share the value of their experience this year:

"Business is a critical stakeholder in education - we buy its product. As such, we have an obligation as well as a need to be a part of the process to ensure a workforce with the skills and capabilities required of today's jobs and of the ever increasingly technical jobs of the future. The Education Policy Fellowship Program provides its Fellows with an opportunity to interact with educational leaders including teachers, professors, administrators, government officials, politicians and other educational leaders from related professional organizations. It is an excellent opportunity for business to identify those areas in which to commit its resources to achieve the greatest, most systemic statewide results."

- Bill Rainwater
Assistant to the Vice President,
Community and Economic Development
Georgia Power

"As an Education Policy Fellow in the inaugural Georgia class, I experienced professional development that crossed sectors, professions and geographic boundaries. Thanks to extensive reading and thoughtful presentations from education experts, I bonded with the Fellows at the monthly colloquiums and national seminars. I hope my colleagues in philanthropy will take advantage of this Education Policy Fellowship because it is more engaging and relevant than graduate school and Georgia needs more informed education advocates!"

- Atiba Mbiwan
Associate Director
The Zeist Foundation

"The Education Policy Fellowship Program not only provided me with a comprehensive understanding of education policy, but it helped me to assess my leadership skills and abilities in a meaningful way. I was inspired working along side so many talented leaders who are vested in improving education policy in Georgia. I walked away from many of our policy colloquiums with more self-reflection of my own approaches and ideals for policymaking in Georgia. This experience was the foundation I needed to be more of a thought-leader in my organization's work in improving educational outcomes in Georgia."

- Taifa Butler
Director, Policy and Communications
Georgia Family Connection Partnership

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Calendar

All colloquiums are on Wednesdays from 12 noon - 5 p.m.
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Colloquium #1

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Colloquium #2

Wednesday, November 11

Colloquium #3

Wednesday, December 9

Colloquium #4

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Colloquium #5

Wednesday, February 10

Colloquium #6

Wednesday, March 10

National Washington Policy Seminar

Wednesday - Saturday, April 14-17

Colloquium #7

Wednesday, April 28

Colloquium #8

Wednesday, May 12

Graduation Ceremony

TBD

Topics Will Cover:

- EPFP Overview
- Georgia Education Policy 101
- Leadership Lessons
- Political and Demographic Landscape of Georgia: Strategic Leadership in a Dynamic Policy Environment
- Research and Innovation: Creative Constructs to Improve Student Achievement
- Why Public Education? How Does the U.S. Educational System Compare to That of Other Countries?
- Following the Money Stream: P - 16 Funding Issues
- Public Policy Creation and Implementation in Georgia
- Forward Thinking: What Can We Do and How?

* You are also expected to attend a General Assembly meeting of your interest during the 2010 legislative session and participate in national webinars on education policy issues.



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Name of Applicant _____

Professional Title _____

Division/Department _____

Organization/Insitution _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Office Phone _____ Office Fax _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Cell Phone _____

EDUCATION *(Please list most recent experience first)*

University/College	Degree	Date
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

WORK EXPERIENCE *(Please list current position and include a resume)*

Title _____ Dates Employed _____

Employer's Name _____ Employer's Title _____

Employer's Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Employer's Phone _____ Employer's Email _____

Employer may be contacted.

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EPFP OUTCOMES:

Please provide narrative responses of one page or less to each of the following questions focused on the personal and professional outcomes of EPFP.

1. What created your passion for education, and how do you hope Georgia EPFP will help you channel your efforts in that area?
2. To enhance your capacity as a change-agent, what are your three learning priorities?
3. How would your participation in Georgia EPFP benefit your organization?

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

Race _____

Gender _____

How did you learn about EPFP GA?

ENDORSEMENT

TO THE SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYING AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:

Georgia EPFP Fellows are required to participate in all events related to the program, including but not limited to 11 sessions, a national forum with Fellows from all EPFP program sites and national webinars. The forum in Washington, DC is scheduled for April 14-17, 2010. The program tuition, plus travel costs for the forum and colloquiums are paid by the employing agency.

YOUR SIGNATURE AFFIRMS:

- (1) your employee's release of time for full participation in the Fellowship Program and
- (2) payment of program-related costs, including program tuition of \$2,500 and travel expenses.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelley Dean at the Georgia EPFP, kdean@gpee.org or 404.223.2492.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISOR/SPONSOR:

Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor's Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Office Phone _____ Office Fax _____

Email _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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Application deadline is June 30, 2009.
Applicants will be notified of acceptance no later than August 15, 2009.

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