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Education Pioneers Seeks More Than 550 Top Emerging Leaders for Prestigious Education Leadership Fellowships

National nonprofit to select and place largest cohort to date to provide critical capacity to leading education organizations

Oakland, Calif.— Education Pioneers, a national nonprofit with a bold vision to transform education into the best led and managed sector in the U.S., announced today that it is seeking more than 550 top emerging leaders for prestigious education leadership fellowships across the country in 2014, including the flagship Graduate School Fellowship and the Analyst Fellowship.

Based on the success of the 2013 Fellowship programs, and to advance an ambitious goal to have 10,000 Alumni working full-time in education by 2023, Education Pioneers is growing 2014 programs by over 25 percent this year.

The 2014 Graduate School Fellowship, with 10-week summer and yearlong placements, will attract, prepare, and advance 430 new leaders to increase the leadership and management capacity of the nation's leading education organizations to advance their mission-critical work on behalf of students. For the 2014 Analyst Fellowship, a 10-month program, Education Pioneers will seek over 120 emerging leaders with data and analysis backgrounds; recruiting for the Analyst Fellowship begins in early December.

"Education Pioneers Fellows provide critical management, leadership, and analytical capacity outside of the classroom to support teachers' work with students in the classroom," said Scott Morgan, Founder and CEO of Education Pioneers. "Fellows have unparalleled opportunities to apply their skills to advance mission-critical initiatives for leading education organizations, launch meaningful, high-impact careers, and join a national network that is working to transform the sector so that all students receive an excellent education."

For the Graduate School Fellowship, Education Pioneers recruits at over 50 campuses nationwide, and is also [hosting numerous webinars](#) through early December for interested candidates. Talented emerging leaders who are interested in the 2014 Graduate School Fellowship can learn more about admission requirements and apply via: <http://www.educationpioneers.org/become-a-fellow/>. The priority round deadline for applications – from which 70 percent of the Fellow cohort is typically selected – is December 11, 2013.

Applications for the 2014 Analyst Fellowship open in early December; interested candidates may attend [numerous recruiting webinars](#) to learn more about the program.

Results from the 2013 Graduate School Fellowship (10-week summer placement) demonstrate that Education Pioneers is successfully helping emerging leaders from diverse personal and professional backgrounds find their path in education and preparing them for education leadership careers.

Of the 327 summer 2013 Graduate School Fellows, 94 percent agreed that they are more prepared for a high-impact career in education as a result of the Fellowship, and nearly all (98 percent) would recommend the Fellowship to their peers. Approximately one third (32 percent) of these leaders entered the Fellowship without a background in the education sector, and 55 percent self-identified as a person of color.

Education Pioneers Fellows work in areas outside of the classroom with more than 180 education organizations in 20 cities nationwide to help implement or advance important initiatives that support teaching and learning success. In 2013, Fellows' contributions included leading a data-driven, multi-year capital renewal plan with a \$1 billion budget, automating hiring processes and creating recruitment plans for large school districts, and creating a blended learning program and developing business plans for charter schools.

Since Education Pioneers' founding, more than 2,000 of the organization's Fellows have brought their unique skill sets to more than 180 education organizations nationwide through the Fellowships. Beyond their Fellowships, more than 70 percent of the organization's Alumni in the workforce have remained in the education sector, representing a significant and forward-thinking segment of emerging educational leaders and managers who guide the work of school districts, charter school networks and other education organizations.

About Education Pioneers

Education Pioneers mobilizes and prepares a national network of talented leaders and managers to accelerate excellence in education and transform our education system into one that equips all students with the skills they need to thrive in college, career and life. Through the organization's Fellowship and Alumni programs, Education Pioneers increases the talent supply of top leaders in education to improve the leadership capacity in key education organizations—such as school districts, charter school organizations and nonprofits—and to advance our goal to make education the best led and managed sector in the U.S. To fuel this vision, Education Pioneers plans to recruit 10,000 leaders, managers, and analysts by 2023, and connect the leaders in its network with high-impact leadership roles in key organizations across the education sector.

More information about Education Pioneers can be found at www.educationpioneers.org

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