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Education Pioneers Brings Analytic Capacity to Education Organizations, Builds Important Data Culture, Report Finds

National nonprofit opens applications to bring more than 100 new data-savvy leaders into education to harness the potential of data

Oakland, Calif.—A recent report by Mathematica Policy Research, "[Changing Education Agencies from the Inside Out: Year 2 Report on the Strategic Data Project and Education Pioneers.](#)" finds that [Education Pioneers'](#) data-savvy leaders bring critical analytic capacity to education organizations and help build an important data culture in those organizations.

The report notes that Education Pioneers leaders serve "as a unique and potentially influential force for facilitating agency-wide strategic data use. The fellows' proximity to high-level agency leaders has afforded opportunities for leadership to see the value of data for informing decisions firsthand."

Of the 12 organizations assessed in the report, some have filled permanent positions with technically skilled analytic staff, "who might not have considered working in the education sector if ... (Education Pioneers) had not brought them in," Mathematica reports.

Education Pioneers, a national nonprofit that unleashes the potential of leaders and managers to transform education for all students, announced today that it seeks more than 100 data-savvy leaders to work in 20 cities nationwide for its [2015 Analyst Fellowship](#), a leadership and career development program, to continue to meet critical data needs in education.

"Effective use of the right data holds tremendous promise for transforming education for all students. We are thrilled that findings from Mathematica Policy Research validate Education Pioneers' own internal data on the measurable impact that our leaders are making on education organizations' short- and long-term capacity to build robust data cultures and make data-informed decisions to improve student outcomes," said Scott Morgan, Founder and CEO of Education Pioneers.

The organization's Analyst Fellowship matches high-achieving data analysts from diverse backgrounds with school districts, state education organizations, charter management organizations, education nonprofits and other education organizations to collect, track, analyze and use important student, teacher and organizational data.

Launched in 2010 in direct response to education organizations' needs for analytically-savvy leaders, the [Education Pioneers Analyst Fellowship](#) has grown dramatically from its inaugural cohort of 11 to a cohort of over 100 analytical leaders in 2014.

Applications for the 10-month, paid 2015 Analyst Fellowship (September 2015 - May 2016) [are now open](#), and candidates may apply via the Education Pioneers website before the priority round deadline on **March 3, 2015**. Education Pioneers offers numerous [online information sessions](#) for interested candidates to learn more about the program.

Education organizations that need data-savvy analysts or other talented leaders to join their teams can [learn more and apply now to partner with Education Pioneers](#). Education Pioneers encourages prospective partners to apply early. The final partner application deadline is **April 15, 2015** for the Graduate School Fellowship and **June 30, 2015** for the Analyst Fellowship. (Organizations that wish to partner with Education Pioneers beyond these dates can contact Education Pioneers at partnerships@educationpioneers.org).

Since Education Pioneers' founding in 2003, more than 2,500 of the organization's leaders have brought their valuable skill sets to 200 education organizations in 20 cities nationwide through Education Pioneers' education leadership development programs, including the Analyst Fellowship and the flagship Graduate School Fellowship. During their Fellowships, Education Pioneers' fellows work outside of the classroom to advance or complete mission-critical initiatives that support teaching and learning results.

Beyond their Fellowships, more than 70 percent of the organization's alumni in the workforce remain in full-time education careers. This rapidly growing leadership network advances the work of school districts, charter school networks and other education organizations. Education Pioneers has an ambitious goal to have 10,000 alumni working full-time in education by 2023, the organization's 20th anniversary.

About Education Pioneers

Education Pioneers unleashes the potential of leaders and managers to transform education for all students. Through prestigious Fellowships and ongoing Alumni and Partner Services, the national nonprofit strengthens the ranks of talented leaders, managers and analysts in school districts, charter school organizations, education agencies, nonprofits and more to support strong teaching and learning results. Education Pioneers is building a network of 10,000 diverse leaders working at all levels across the sector by its 20th anniversary in 2023 to ensure that every student receives an outstanding education.

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

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