



STRATEGIC DATA PROJECT

***You believe that data has the power to change education reform.
You possess the analytic and leadership skills to drive this change.
Welcome to the Strategic Data Project.***

Everyday education leaders—teachers, administrators, principals, superintendents, and policy officials—make important decisions that affect the lives of students. Too often these decisions are based on insufficient or unreliable information. The Strategic Data Project (SDP) intends to change this. SDP partners with school districts, charter school networks, and state education agencies to bring high quality research methods and data analysis to bear on strategic management and policy decisions affecting the American K-12 education sector. One element of this partnership is a two-year fellowship for talented, analytic leaders.

The SDP Fellowship places talented analysts in our partner agencies where Fellows can have an immediate influence on policy decisions that impact student outcomes. SDP Fellows are entrepreneurial change agents who are tenaciously dedicated to transforming how key policy and management decisions are made in public education. Fellows work on 1-2 focus policy issues in great depth, helping the partner agency break through a strategic issue that benefits from robust and advanced analysis. They also provide needed analytic talent and support to other projects in the agency.

SDP is currently recruiting Fellows to serve in: Albuquerque Public Schools, Denver Public Schools, the School District of Philadelphia, Los Angeles Unified School District and The College Ready Promise (a new coalition of Los Angeles-based CMO's). Applications will be available starting June 14, 2010, at www.gse.harvard.edu/cepr. The Early Selection deadline is July 2, 2010. The General Selection deadline is July 21, 2010. Fellows will be placed as early as August 2010 and no later than October 1, 2010.

Upon acceptance to the program, Fellows are immediately placed in full-time analytic leadership roles reporting to a cabinet-level position (e.g. Chief of Data and Accountability, Chief Academic Officer or other top executive) in one of the partner agencies listed above.

Benefits of the Fellowship include:

- **Opportunity for impact and leadership:** *The opportunity to take a leadership role on analytic, policy-oriented projects that impact decisions about students, teachers, school districts, and education organizations.*
- **Ongoing professional development and support:** *10 bi-monthly professional development workshops over two years to strengthen skills in three primary areas: measurement and analysis; leadership and change management; and education policy. Access to Harvard based faculty and researchers throughout the program.*
- **Access to the SDP Network:** *Access to a new national network of analytic leaders and policymakers making an impact in education reform through research and data.*
- **Compensation Package:** *\$80,000 – \$90,000 annual salary plus benefits; \$5,000 relocation assistance; \$2,000 professional development account.*

Fellows come from diverse professional backgrounds (e.g. public policy, business, and education) but share an interest and a commitment to affecting change in education organizations and making a difference in the lives of learners. We seek candidates who possess: 1) an advanced degree (Master's level or higher); 2) a strong background in quantitative analysis; 3) at least four years of work experience accompanied by a successful track record of managing projects and change initiatives; and 4) a demonstrated passion for education reform. For more information about the SDP Fellowship program and details on how to apply, please visit www.gse.harvard.edu/cepr.

