

## Bridging the Gaps in Postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Research Fellows Application Instructions

Bridging the Gaps in Postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Research is a project to enhance and strengthen postsecondary CTE research at universities nationwide through the establishment of the CTE Research Program at NC State- Sponsored by ECMC Foundation. The CTE Research Program will sponsor 15-18 Fellows from universities nationwide. The program has three levels of support Postdoctoral, Dissertation, and Doctoral/Masters. The Fellows program is 1 year and all levels of Fellows will be provided support to participate in 2 face-to-face research institutes, 1 ECMC convening, and meet with their mentor face-to-face. Additionally, Fellows will have access to participate in up to 6 research methods webinars during the year. The 2020 Fellows program will meet once in April 2020 and run from May 2020 until May 2021.

Preference will be given to research proposals that addresses postsecondary CTE in terms of improving student success or using CTE to address larger problems such as economic mobility. Our view of student success uses the pillars of learning, transfer, completion, equity, and labor market outcomes. Projects can address one or more of these areas. Projects in other areas of postsecondary CTE are encouraged.

### Description of Levels of Fellows

<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b> (up to \$60,000)	<b>Dissertation Fellow</b> (up to \$20,000)	<b>Doctoral/Masters Fellow</b> (\$10,000)
This is for a person that has completed a doctorate and wants to conduct research in postsecondary CTE. Individuals with various academic backgrounds (business, public policy, economics, and education) are encouraged to apply. Postdoctoral Fellow will identify a sponsor and sponsoring university.	This level of support is for someone that has recently defended or will be defending their dissertation proposal (by May 2020) that is conducting research in postsecondary CTE.	This level of support is for someone that is in a graduate program and wants to conduct research in postsecondary CTE.

All levels of Fellows are provided stipends to travel for the required face-to-face meeting in addition to the awarded amount. All Fellows will provide quarterly reports and complete a conference proposal submission and final article.

### Application Process (DEADLINE December 1st, 2019)

Create 1 PDF file that includes the following:

- 1.) Current Vita
- 2.) Personal Goals and Research Agenda (up to 2 pages). Please provide a personal goal statement and a research agenda. A research agenda should provide a clear understanding of the purposes for your research not only for this project but how it fits within your future goals. Research agendas develop over time. Please describe your agenda and how you see Postsecondary CTE research playing a significant role in your future career. You can provide short, medium, and long-term goals.
- 3.) Research Project Proposal (up to 10 pages). This Postsecondary CTE project proposal can include sections such as Introduction and Theoretical Framework, Purpose, Problem, Research questions, Significance, Review of literature, and Methods. Additionally, please include a timeline.
- 4.) Letters of Support (2). Postdoctoral Fellows (department or college of sponsoring university and sponsor), Dissertation Fellows (department chair, director, or dean and dissertation chair), Doctoral/Masters Fellows (department chair, director, or dean and faculty member sponsoring student).
- 5.) Supplemental Information. Postdoctoral Fellows Only (Up to 1 page).

While it is not required, if you are going to participate in any supplemental activities during your postdoctoral experience with the sponsoring university that will provide you with opportunities to strengthen academic preparation or enhance your professional background please provide a description. Fellows may want to work with their sponsoring institution to co-teach or teach a class, collaborate on other projects, mentor students, or take a class. Please provide what has been agreed upon by you and the sponsor.

Complete the form and upload the PDF file at <https://cte-fellows.ced.ncsu.edu/apply>

For more information please email [james\\_bartlett@ncsu.edu](mailto:james_bartlett@ncsu.edu) or call 919.208.1697

Finalists will be notified in early January. Virtual interviews will be scheduled in January and notifications of awards will be provided by the first week of February. The CTE Research Fellows Institute (stipend for travel will be provided) for the 2020 Fellows is April 15-16, 2020 in San Francisco, CA 2 days prior to the American Education Research Association conference (AERA).