

Bridging the Gaps in Postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Research Fellows 2021-22 Cohort 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. The Research Fellows program is 1 year and all levels of Fellows will be provided support to participate in 2 research institutes, the ECMC Foundation CTE Convening, and to meet with their mentor. Additionally, Fellows will have access to participate in up to 6 research methods webinars during the year. The 2021-22 Fellows program will kick off with a pre-fellowship research institute, scheduled in conjunction with AERA and the fellowship year will run August 2021- August 2022.

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

Postdoctoral Fellow	Dissertation Fellow	Doctoral Fellow
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Up to \$60,000 annual stipend for full-time postdocs, up to \$15,000 for part-time postdocs who are working professionals, plus travel support</i></p> <p>This is for a person that has completed a doctorate and wants conduct research in postsecondary CTE. Individuals with various academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Postdoctoral applicants will identify a faculty research sponsor and sponsoring institution as part of the application process.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Up to \$7500 annual stipend plus travel support</i></p> <p>This level of support is for doctoral candidates who will have defended their postsecondary CTE focused dissertation proposal prior to the start of the fellowship.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>\$2500 annual stipend plus travel support</i></p> <p>This level of support is for doctoral students currently in coursework who propose to conduct research in postsecondary CTE.</p>

All Fellows will attend training sessions and webinars, engage monthly with their assigned mentor, provide quarterly reports, and complete a minimum of one conference proposal submission and journal article from their sponsored projects.

Application Process (DEADLINE January 1, 2021, 11:59pm PT)

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 for project completion by August 2022.
- 4.) Letters of Support (2). Postdoctoral Fellows (department or college of sponsoring university and fsponsor), Dissertation Fellows (department chair, director, or dean and dissertation chair), Doctoral 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 or call 919.208.1697

Finalists will be notified in late January. Virtual interviews will be scheduled in February and notifications of awards will be provided by the last week of February. The pre-fellowship research institute will be conducted virtually in conjunction with the virtual annual meeting of the American Education Research Association (AERA), currently scheduled for April 9-12, 2021. Year-long Fellows programming will run August 2021-August 2022, in conjunction with the academic calendar.