

## Pre-Doctoral Training Program for Interdisciplinary Research in Education

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Designed to broaden the disciplinary backgrounds and enhance the methodological training and field experience of current PhD students interested in rigorous, field-based research in education.

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For Program information on the web, please visit: <http://www.gse.upenn.edu/pimfer/>

The University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education offers a Pre-Doctoral Training Program designed to support and enhance the Ph.D. training of students in different disciplines who are committed to careers in applied, field-based education research. The initiative involves six University of Pennsylvania schools and multiple school districts in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. It is supported by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) in the U.S. Department of Education. Fellows receive financial support, access to specialized resources and experts in the field of study and become part of an emerging national network of students, faculty and practitioners conducting interdisciplinary research in the education sciences.

Current fellows are students presently enrolled in PhD programs in in fields such as education, sociology, economics, and business and public policy. We encourage current students from **any discipline** who are interested in developing expertise in rigorous scientific interdisciplinary education research to apply.



## Program Benefits

- Fellows receive a \$30,000 apprenticeship stipend and up to \$10,500 to support tuition and academic fees annually for up to four years through the completion of the dissertation, through the termination of the program support from the U.S. Department of Education (June 2010) or whichever comes first. This financial support may come from a combination of IES PreDoctoral Training Grant monies, the student's home school, and/or funded research projects in which students participate. Please note, an apprenticeship stipend covers a 12 month period which means students will be working during the summer term.
- The program prepares students to conduct rigorous impact studies in education field settings, using the most sophisticated and cutting edge research design and analysis techniques. The goal of the program is to develop scholars across disciplines who are prepared to work together to employ the most sophisticated methodology available to improve student learning in education settings.
- Fellows contribute to the design of collaborative field-based research projects under the supervision of a faculty member. These apprenticeships are jointly identified by the student and program coordinator;

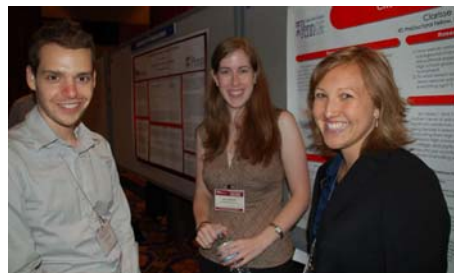
they can be in the student's home department or another department. There is great flexibility for students to work on multiple and different projects to develop their expertise.

## Program Requirements

- A minimum of 2 Education foundations courses and 2 foundations courses in an academic discipline (e.g., sociology, economics, and psychology).
- Participation in weekly seminars and periodic workshops focused on building the fellows' methodological expertise.
- Participation in research apprenticeships with faculty members for 20 hours per week, **year round**.
- Participation in a wide range of short courses and specialized training opportunities.

## Program Applicant

- Ph.D. student at the University of Pennsylvania, **regardless of area of study**, who has completed at least one year of course work toward their degree and who is a United States citizen.
- Ph.D. student who has an interest in and commitment to furthering the production of scientifically rigorous research on the effectiveness of interventions to improve academic and social outcomes in education.



Additional information and an application can be obtained from:

[www.gse.upenn.edu/pimfer/guideline](http://www.gse.upenn.edu/pimfer/guideline)

Applications are due **April 15, 2009** for fellowships starting September 2009, depending on availability of supervised apprenticeships.

### Send completed applications to:

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