



# SOLUTIONS IN ACTION

## DOCTORAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

At the University of Washington College of Education, a spirit of possibility drives our work.

Doctoral students are the next generation of leaders, researchers, practitioners and policymakers in education. These scholars-in-training work with practitioners, districts and communities to tackle the biggest challenges in education—from early learning to STEM education to teaching quality. Working hand-in-hand with the UW’s nationally-recognized faculty, doctoral students help design and drive innovation throughout Washington and beyond.

### LEADING INNOVATION

In the UW’s Institute for Science + Math Education, approximately 25 doctoral students help envision, cultivate and investigate equity-focused educational models and practices in STEM education through partnerships with districts throughout the Puget Sound, from Federal Way to Mukilteo.

*“Working on an NSF-funded cyberlearning project gave me the opportunity to support—and study—informal learning at the community scale. This experience prepared me to contribute to the field and recognize youths’ own ideas about learning as vital for educational designs.”*

**DEBORAH SILVIS (PHD, '18)**  
Research Associate, Mobile City Science



### POWERING PARTNERSHIPS

Doctoral students with the UW-led Family Leadership Design Collaborative work with researchers, educators, parents, families and communities in nearly 20 states to redesign family engagement in education for community wellbeing and justice.

*“We need to be thinking beyond simply resisting oppression and fighting injustice, but also dreaming, imagining, co-creating and building this vision for our future students, families and communities.”*

**ADITI RAJENDRAN (PHD '18)**  
Research Associate,  
Family Leadership Design Collaborative



### SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

With your support, we can continue to attract the leading minds in education that make UW College of Education one of the nation’s top 10 education schools—the scholars who will lead education innovation for the next generation and extend our impact across Washington and the world.



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# CONNECTING KNOWLEDGE AND OPPORTUNITY

## UW COMMUNITY PARTNER FELLOWS

High-quality research, analysis and program design are essential to driving educational improvement. Yet the cost of quality research and evaluation can be prohibitive for schools, districts, community-based organizations and education agencies.

The UW Community Partner Fellows program connects advanced doctoral students with education partners throughout the Puget Sound to study and co-design solutions to pressing regional challenges. With dozens of PhD candidates trained and experienced in landscape research, data analysis and program improvement—from early learning and K-12 interventions to post-secondary preparation—our fellows offer intellectual energy and a design-minded approach to collaborating organizations with limited budgets.

Individual donors and partnering organizations share sponsorship costs of a single fellow, or team of fellows, to tackle our region's most significant challenges across the P-20 continuum. To learn more, contact Eric Lawson, assistant dean for advancement, at 206-685-2678 or jelawson@uw.edu.

**Jenee Myers Twitchell (PhD '17)** worked with Washington STEM to understand their regional networks, providing recommendations for deepening their work increasing access to and preparation for STEM credentials and careers.

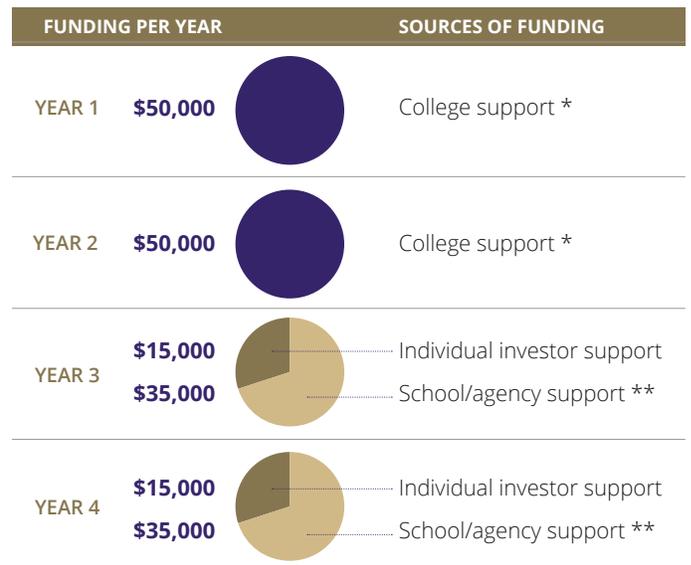
*"I am so grateful for the experience with Washington STEM, as it fueled my dissertation and allowed me to complete my PhD. It also launched me into my post-doctoral career investigating student pathways into and through higher education and the workforce across Washington State."*



### HOW IT WORKS

The Community Partner Fellows program supports talented researchers-in-training who partner with local schools, districts, agencies and programs. This program fully funds doctoral students for four years, defraying the cost of obtaining a PhD and enabling the College to remain competitive in attracting the next generation of innovative minds to the Puget Sound.

### Community Partner Fellow: Sample Funding Model



\* Teaching and research assistantships  
 \*\* Research/evaluation support for one PhD candidate

Specific split of school/agency vs. individual support will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

### EXTEND YOUR IMPACT

Create a named Community Partner Fellowship to address, in perpetuity, critical areas of need in Washington. An endowment of \$375,000 supports a researcher dedicated to advancing equity and excellence in education.

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