Unite:Ed is about the futures of our children, our communities & education.

Unite:Ed is an alliance between the University of Washington College of Education and community and education partners. In service of communities experiencing structural inequity in education, we join together to exchange knowledge and co-design justice-centered strategies that improve educational systems and create better futures for children and youth.

United around education, we exchange knowledge and co-design solutions.

Our active steering committee brings together individuals with multiple expertise from many community and education partners in South Seattle/South King County to create solutions to the most pressing problems in education.

Embedded in community, Unite:Ed partners listen, learn, decide, act, and solve. Because we share knowledge and collectively build expertise, we can more quickly and sustainability address the most pressing problems in education. Our umbrella organization fosters creativity, transformation, and innovation. We are allies to our communities as we work together to identify priorities, consider options, deliver programming, plan for research, gather data, and share findings. Unite:Ed partners embrace diversities of opinion, acknowledge inequities, and know that iteration is the path to lasting improvements in education.

UNITE:ED PRINCIPLES

Focus on relationships, learning, and community-defined priorities to transform inequitable systems.

Foster just and equitable partnerships through shared governance and decision-making.

Build from and with community to support justice-centered educational change-making.

Foster joint learning to enact equitable educational partnerships.

Collaboratively sustain community-centered educational justice work.
What is a community-practice-research partnership?

Problems have a human face. Challenges can create lost opportunities for real people. Solving problems on your own is more difficult. Do partnerships lead to better solutions? Can grassroots efforts make a greater difference? We think so. A unique type of partnership, called a “community-practice-research partnership” is a guidepost for Unite:Ed. Groups of committed people, each bringing their own measure of experience and expertise, are better able to define and address the challenges facing communities and educational systems. Creating solutions for the inequities in education is about being in service of communities; on the ground and learning from each other. Our partnerships focus on humans not numbers, and problems not gaps.

Unite:Ed’s foundational community-practice-research partnerships are long-term alliances — they are collaborations between families, community leaders, practicing educators, and researchers. Each individual’s deep knowledge and experience is integrated and the collective strength of our community-practice-research partnerships leads to the effective co-design of solutions and lasting change for students.

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Feb 1, 2019
Release of Request for Proposals

March 15, 2019
Proposal deadline

March 16 – April 14, 2019
Internal review by Unite:Ed Steering Committee

April 15, 2019
Award notifications

May 2019
Awardees complete planning process

June 2019
Research projects commence!

November 2019
Interim reporting due