



WHAT IS THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP?

In 2018, the Department, in partnership with the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), launched the inaugural Louisiana Public Interest Fellowship. The fellowship allows recipients to spend the upcoming school year advocating for a key education initiative of their choosing.

To date, the Department has named ten recipients as Louisiana Public Interest Fellows. You may read more about the fellows and their work by visiting the [Award Programs](#) page.



PRIORITY ALIGNMENT

**An effective
teacher for every
student**

CRITERIA

1. Recipients are chosen from the previous year's list of Louisiana Teacher of the Year state-level (semifinalists, finalists, division-level and overall) honorees.
2. Fellowship initiatives must be aligned to the Department's priorities.

CANDIDATE BENEFITS

The Louisiana Public Interest Fellowship enables the recipients to focus their talents on the initiatives they are most passionate about with support from the Department and BESE. The fellowship recipients help drive educational progress in our state and lead projects that will have a positive impact for Louisiana students and schools.

TIMELINE

- Proposals may be submitted August through January.
- Fellowship recipient(s) are announced during the opening session of the Teacher Leader Summit.

For questions, email ExemplaryEducator@la.gov.