



What is the Louisiana Public Interest Fellowship?

In 2018, the Department, in partnership with the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, launched the Louisiana Teacher Public Interest Fellowship. The fellowship allows recipients to spend the upcoming school year advocating for a key education initiative of their choosing. These initiatives are aligned with the Department's educational priorities. The fellowship is supported by a stipend of state funding, which is used to offset costs incurred in conducting the fellowship's work. You may read more about the fellows and their work on the [Staff and Educator Awards](#) page.

Criteria

- Recipients are chosen from the previous year's list of Louisiana Teacher and Principal of the Year Semifinalists and Finalists.
- Fellowship initiatives must be aligned with 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 on Louisiana students and schools.

Timeline

- Proposals may be submitted from August through December.
- Fellowship recipient(s) are announced in the spring.

Questions

- For questions, email exemplaryeducator@la.gov.