

Mississippi Education Policy Fellowship Program (MS-EPFP)

What is MS-EPFP?

MS-EPFP is a nine month program, housed at Mississippi State University and developed in partnership with the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in Washington, DC. MS-EPFP brings together education leaders and stakeholders from around the state to discuss education policy and cultivate a statewide network of education leaders.

Who should participate in MS-EPFP?

The program is available to professionals who have an interest in education policy and advocacy. The program is particularly targeted to emerging and middle leaders in education and human services contexts. Past MS-EPFP Fellows include school and district leaders, educators, higher education and community college faculty, non-profit leaders, business leaders, and community members.

What will I learn in MS-EPFP?

Fellows learn about specific education policy issues; policy making and implementation processes; the intersections of local, state, and national policies; and how effective leaders function in the education policy environment. Participation in EPFP opens doors for Fellows to network and collaborate with state and national education leaders. Upon program completion, Fellows gain access to a rich national alumni network. The 2023-2024 EPFP program will focus on rural education contexts and implications for policy and advocacy. All but a handful of Mississippi's school districts are classified as rural by federal guidelines, and our rural context impacts state and national policy making for everything from college attendance, the role of the school in the community, workforce preparation, teacher shortages, and more. These issues will be discussed with a focus on equity for our diverse rural students from early childhood through higher education.

What is the program like?

MS-EPFP will meet on Thursdays from September 2023 to April 2024. In addition to monthly state meetings, Fellows are expected to attend national policy webinars led by the national organizer of EPFP—webinars may be attended synchronously or viewed at the Fellows' convenience. MS-EPFP also includes a multi-day national education policy conference, known as the Washington Policy Seminar, in person in Washington, DC in March. Fellows participate in engaging meetings that include opportunities to meet state and national elected officials and hear from nationally recognized guest speakers who are impacting education policy. Fellows will build leadership and advocacy skills through a variety of learning experiences and build relationships with other state education leaders to support their future work.

Where can I learn more?

Learn more about Mississippi EPFP at <https://epfp.iel.org/page/MS> or contact co-coordinator, Amanda Tullos, at amanda.tullos@msstate.edu with any questions.



2023-2024 MS EPFP Meeting Schedule

MONTH	DATE & TIME	GROUP	ACTIVITY	SETTING
September	28 th 10:00-3:00	MS-EPFP	Session One	In-person Jackson, MS
October	4 th	National EPFP	Welcome from IEL & networking event	Virtual
	18 th	National EPFP	Policy by the People Module: Part 1	Virtual
	26 th 10:00-3:00	MS-EPFP	Session Two	In-person Meridian, MS
November	30 th 10:00-3:00	MS-EPFP	Session Three	In-person Delta Region
January	17 th	National EPFP	Policy by the People Module: Part 2	Virtual
	25 th 10:00-3:00	MS-EPFP	Session Four/Capitol Day	In-person Jackson, MS
February	7 th	National EPFP	½ day virtual leadership symposium	Virtual
	29 th 10:00-3:00	MS-EPFP	Session Five	In-person Starkville, MS
March/ April	TBD	MS-EPFP	Prep for Washington Policy Seminar	Virtual
	TBD (3 days)	National EPFP	60 th Washington Policy Seminar	In-person Washington D.C.
April	25 th	MS-EPFP	EPFP Graduation	In-person Table 100 Flowood, MS

Note: The five in-person events will be hosted at locations around Mississippi. Virtual events are typically 1-2 hours in length and can be viewed synchronously or asynchronously.

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For Priority Consideration, Apply by: August 15, 2023

Deadline to Apply: September 1, 2023