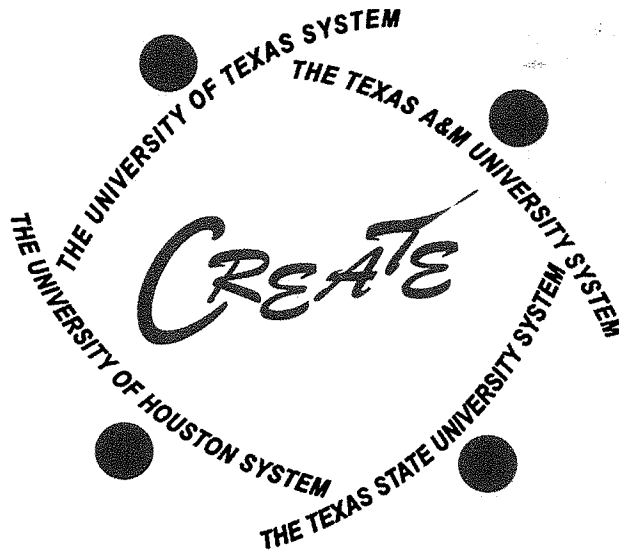


THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2011-2012

If you are a school professional currently engaged in doctoral study, consider this new opportunity for personal success and professional contribution!



**Sponsored by:
The Texas Public Schools Research Network**

A joint project of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and the Center for Research, Evaluation and Advancement of Teacher Education (CREATE)

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

The Public School Research Scholars Program is intended to guide and support the doctoral research endeavors of public school professionals currently working in school districts affiliated with the Texas Public Schools Research Network. Program activities enable participating school leaders to design and complete **doctoral research related to teacher quality and effectiveness** that fulfills requirements of their doctoral program and provides meaningful and important findings to member school districts.

WHAT YOU GET

Selected Public School Research Scholars will receive specialized instruction and mentoring from selected university faculty to enable efficient development of successful dissertation proposals that can pass muster in university academic departments, and will provide practical and timely research that directly addresses the professional interests of your school and district. The completed research proposals of these Public School Research Scholars will be eligible for research implementation grants to help defray expenses for data collection and analysis, as well as publication and dissemination.

WHO CAN APPLY

Interested public school professionals from member school districts in the Texas Public Schools Research Network and who are already accepted into candidacy in an accredited doctoral program within a CREATE member institution (list attached) may apply to become a Texas Public School Research Scholar. Candidates must have interest in developing research designs related to topics associated with teacher quality and effectiveness. From applications submitted, up to 10 Research Scholars will be chosen for the 2011-2012 academic term by a selection team comprised of the staff of Center for Research, Evaluation and Advancement of Teacher Education (CREATE).

HOW THE PROGRAM IS STRUCTURED

Each Scholar is awarded an initial **\$3000 allotment grant** to support the following activities which will culminate in the successful development of a full research design and proposal by each scholar.

Summer Design Workshops: Research Scholars will attend three summer research design workshops hosted by CREATE. These design workshops will include direct instruction in research design, statistical applications and research management by a team of CREATE Research Fellows. These design workshops for Public School Research Scholars will include a two-day "Question Building" meeting on June 21-22, a two-day research mechanics workshop on July 13-14 and a two-day research management exercise on August 10-11. In addition to small group instruction on technical design issues and peer review opportunities, participating Research Scholars will receive one-on-one critiques and coaching related to their specific research designs from CREATE staff and University Research Fellows.

Independent Work Assignments: As an extension of the summer workshops, each Research Scholar will be responsible for a series of "homework" assignments, each related to the development of a high quality research design. These assignments may include such activities as literature review and synthesis, instrument development, data-mining expeditions, etc. The independent work of each Research Scholar will be supervised and monitored by an assigned University Research Fellow.

Final Research Products and Design Review: Research Scholars will provide complete research proposals and designs no later than October 28, 2011. These research proposals will be submitted for review to an advisory panel of the Texas Public Schools Research Network. Based upon recommendations of the panel, a Public School Research Scholar may be approved to conduct their study within member school districts through the TPSRN Sponsored Research Program and eligible for a research award to defray costs of implementing, analyzing, publishing and/or disseminating the research.

Research Support Group and Faculty Consultation: Scholars receiving research awards may continue to receive coaching assistance and technical advice from Faculty Research Fellows during the course of the 2011-2012 academic term. In addition, the cohort of Research Scholars will be invited to research support meetings associated with key CREATE or TASA meetings.

Research Dissemination: Research Scholars will be encouraged to disseminate findings of their research to the professional community. Results of these studies will be placed on the CREATE website, and Scholars may be invited for presentation at CREATE-sponsored workshops or conferences, as well as related TASA events.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINES

Interested professionals may apply by completing the attached application and forwarding it to:

Public School Research Scholars Program
Attention: William Reaves, Project Director
Center for Research, Evaluation & Advancement of Teacher Education
3232 College Park Drive, Suite 303
The Woodlands, TX 77384

Applications must be received by **April 13, 2011**. Candidates will be selected and notified by April 29th.

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION

CREATE is a university research and development center focusing on issues of teacher quality and effectiveness. It is a consortium of 45 universities, comprising the institutions in The Texas A&M University System, The Texas State University System, The University of Houston System and The University of Texas System, as well as additional public and private universities throughout the state. For more information please consult the organization's website at www.createtx.org.

ABOUT THE TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESEARCH NETWORK

The Texas Public Schools Research Network (TPSRN) is a university-public school research collaborative devoted to cooperative design and implementation of educational research related to teacher quality and effectiveness. The Network is currently comprised of fourteen school districts throughout the state, and is administered by CREATE, in partnership with the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA).

CONTACTS

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**THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM**

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DEADLINE: April 13, 2011

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

CELL: _____ FAX: _____

School District: _____

School/Office Assignment: _____

Number of Years in Profession: _____

Number of Years in District: _____

University Doctoral Program: _____

Doctoral Degree and Academic Specialization: _____

Number of Graduate Hours Taken: _____

Number of Graduate Hours Remaining: _____

Proposed Topic for Doctoral Study on Teacher Quality and Effectiveness: _____

Please attach the following:

- 1. A brief narrative outlining the research questions that you will be addressing in the proposed research.**
- 2. A letter of support for your participation as a Research Scholar from (a) your faculty advisor and/or dissertation committee chair and (b) your supervising administrator in your district.**

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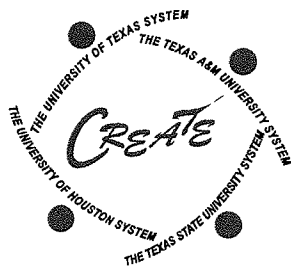
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