

SRCD U.S. Policy Fellowship Programs

SRCD offers two policy fellowship programs: [Federal](#) and [State](#). Both offer immersive opportunities for researchers to learn about policy development, implementation, and evaluation, and how to use developmental science to inform public policy at either the federal or state level in the United States.

The SRCD Federal Policy Fellowship Program includes two types of fellowships, the [Congressional Policy Fellowship](#) and the [Executive Branch Policy Fellowship](#). The SRCD State Policy Fellowship Program includes the [State Policy Pre-doctoral Fellowship](#) and [State Policy Post-doctoral Fellowship](#).

The deadline to apply for the 2020-2021 U.S. Policy Fellowship Programs has passed (January 3, 2020). Find out more about the fellowships:

[Federal Policy Fellowship](#) [State Policy Fellowship](#)



Why Become a SRCD Policy Fellow?

- To understand the linkages between research and policy through an immersion experience
- Learn how to communicate more effectively with policymakers
- Further expand your career opportunities and network
- Learn how to formulate more informed and useful questions for policy-related research
- Use research to inform programs and policies that serve diverse populations
- Strengthen your skill sets with professional development opportunities

Who Should Apply?

Scholars from a variety of backgrounds and scientific disciplines are encouraged to apply. Just as SRCD itself is an interdisciplinary organization, our fellows have backgrounds from a range of disciplines focusing on child development issues.

- **SRCD Federal Policy Fellowship Program**
 - Individuals with a doctorate from any discipline relevant to child development.
 - Early, mid-career, and advanced professionals.

- Applicants must have received a doctoral-level degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D.) prior to the start of the fellowship.

- **SRCD State Policy Fellowship Program**

- Individuals who have completed a doctorate within the past two years in any discipline relevant to child development. These applicants must have received a doctoral-level degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D.) prior to the start of the fellowship.
- Current doctoral candidates studying any discipline relevant to child development who have completed at least two years of coursework.

I am greatly appreciative of the incredible learning opportunity that the SRCD Policy Fellowship has provided. It has given me a platform to apply my training as a developmental psychologist to the very policy-relevant work that is being conducted on a federal level to improve early childhood systems nationwide.

— Former SRCD Executive Branch Fellow



Which Fellowship Is Right for Me?

- **Current doctoral candidates who have completed at least two years of coursework**

- [State Policy Pre-doctoral Fellowship](#)
- **Current doctoral candidates planning to graduate this academic year**
 - [Federal Congressional Policy Fellowship](#)
 - [Federal Executive Branch Policy Fellowship](#)
 - [State Policy Post-doctoral Fellowship](#)
- **Recent doctoral program graduates**
 - [Federal Congressional Policy Fellowship](#)
 - [Federal Executive Branch Policy Fellowship](#)
 - [State Policy Post-doctoral Fellowship](#)
- **Mid-career and advanced career professionals**
 - [Federal Congressional Policy Fellowship](#)
 - [Federal Executive Branch Policy Fellowship](#)

How Do I Apply?

- **SRCD Federal Policy Fellowship Program**

We are no longer accepting applications for the 2020-2021 SRCD Federal Policy Fellowship Program. [Read more about the Federal Policy Fellowship application process.](#)

- **SRCD State Policy Fellowship Program**

We are no longer accepting letters of intent for the 2020-2021 SRCD State Policy Pre-doctoral and Post-doctoral Fellowship Programs. Read more about the [State Policy Pre-doctoral](#) and the [State Policy Post-doctoral](#) Fellowship application processes.

What Can I Expect From the Fellowship Experience?

The SRCD Federal Policy Fellowship Program began in 1978 with congressional placements. In 1991, the fellowship program added placements in federal executive branch agencies. The SRCD State Policy Fellowship began recently in 2017. To date, there is a network of approximately 200 fellowship alumni. Each year, we ask SRCD Policy Fellows to write a reflection of their experiences in the program. Read first-hand accounts of the policy work to which our fellows are contributing.

[Policy Fellowship Experience](#) [2019 - 2020 SRCD Policy Fellows](#)

Questions?

Contact us via email at policyfellowships@srcd.org or call 202-800-0666.

[Federal Policy Fellowship FAQs](#) [State Policy Fellowship FAQs](#)