2023–2024 SRCD U.S. Policy Fellowship Programs Call for Applications


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State Policy Post-Doctoral Fellowship
The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) is seeking applicants for the SRCD U.S. Policy Fellowship Programs for the 2023-2024 academic year. There are two post-doctoral fellowship programs: federal and state. The goals of the fellowship programs are to:

1. Provide fellows with firsthand experience in federal or state policymaking, implementation, and evaluation;
2. Provide federal and state executive branch agencies and Congress greater access to research expertise on a diverse range of child development topics to enhance evidence-based policy development, implementation, and evaluation; and
3. Build a network of experts that bridge developmental science, federal and state policymaking, and practice.

Through these experiences, fellows also learn how to communicate more effectively with policymakers and formulate more informed questions for policy-relevant research. All fellowships will run from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.

Federal Policy Fellowship Program

There are two types of federal fellowships: congressional and executive branch. Both fellowships are full-time immersion experiences in Washington, D.C., where fellows work as resident scholars within congressional or federal executive branch agency offices. We welcome applications from early, mid-career, and advanced professionals. The application deadline for the Federal Policy Fellowship is January 4, 2023, 11:59PM Eastern.

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State Policy Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program

This post-doctoral fellowship is a full-immersion experience, where fellows work as resident scholars in state executive branch agency offices. Fellows will receive support from a state supervisor and SRCD staff.
during the fellowship experience. The application deadline for State Policy Post-doctoral Fellowship is January 23, 2023, 11:59PM Eastern.

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Want to connect with a former fellow? Previous fellows found it helpful to speak with former fellows about the application process and/or their fellowship experiences. We recommend you reach out to former fellows that you may know in your own extended network. If you’d like to reach out to a former fellow outside your network, you can also view this list of previous SRCD Policy Fellows. Alternatively, you can contact policyfellowships@srcd.org to set up a connection with a former fellow.

Want to hear from former fellows? Check out these resources:

- SRCD21: SRCD Policy Fellowship Panel with the 2020-2021 Policy Fellows
- SRCD21: BIPOC Reflections on the SRCD Policy Fellowships with fellowship alumni who identify as BIPOC
- Former Fellows’ Spotlight columns and Professional Portfolios

If you need any accommodations for the application process or have questions, please contact: policyfellowships@srcd.org.

SRCD embraces a commitment to, and support for, diversity in the child development field. This includes training and engaging a workforce that is representative of diversity in all its forms. We encourage fellowship applications from scholars of color, scholars from underrepresented cultural and ethnic backgrounds, scholars from low-income backgrounds, first-generation college graduates, scholars with disabilities, and scholars from the LGBTQIA+ community.