

**San José State University**  
**Connie L. Lurie College of Education**  
**Ed.D. Educational Leadership Program**  
**Doctoral Fellowship: Youth in Foster Care and Youth Experiencing Homelessness**

**Due Date:**      **February 1, 2021**

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We are seeking applications for a doctoral fellowship in the Ed.D. Educational Leadership Program at San José State University. The Ed.D. Educational Leadership Program at San José State University is the preeminent academic unit for preparing transdisciplinary leaders who are capable of engaging in research to solve educational disparities facing BIPOC and other minoritized learners. In this vein, faculty members associated with the Ed.D. program are currently engaging in research to ameliorate inequitable outcomes facing foster youth and students experiencing homelessness in California.

The goal of the fellowship is to engage in research that addresses and advances equitable outcomes for students in foster care and students experiencing homelessness from the K-12 population. This fellowship will provide advanced training in quantitative and qualitative research and opportunities for engagement in education policy. Fellows will be invited to present outcomes with Ed.D. faculty members to the SJSU community at large as well as at local, state, and national conference venues. Opportunities for publication of dissertation results and findings will be afforded by the Ed.D. program.

This is a unique opportunity designed to allow doctoral candidates at SJSU to dedicate themselves to a focus on research during the course of their program. We anticipate that interested candidates will be able to align their dissertation research with the research that they are engaging in through the Center for Closing Achievement Gaps ([CCOG](#)). The SJSU Center for Collaborative Research Excellence in Education ([CCREE](#)) is the CSU CCOG Regional Hub for Northern California to support the educational needs of Youth in Foster Care (FY) and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (HY) in California.

**Qualifications:**

Eligible recipients must have completed all Ed.D. requirements for admission to the Ed.D. program at SJSU and must plan to enroll in and complete the coursework in the Ed.D. Educational Leadership Program. Candidates must have a significant interest in increasing academic outcomes for students in foster care and students experiencing homelessness in K-12 education. An understanding of the challenges and barriers to academic success that foster and homeless youth face is desirable. The successful candidate must also demonstrate a deep commitment to pursuing and conducting research for these two populations that will address gaps in academic achievement and research-based practices in K-12 school districts.

Activities and Expected Outcomes:

- Work closely with Ed.D. Faculty/Advisors
- Conduct literature reviews and environmental scans of current good and/or research-based practices.
- Conduct quantitative and qualitative research, compile and analyze data, document and report findings.
- Inform policy makers and local educational agency leaders on data findings on academic needs of foster and homeless youth.
- Present findings to the SJSU broader community and at local, state and national conferences.
- Assist in developing and disseminating tools and resources that implement evidence-based strategies.
- Seek publication of dissertation findings in peer-reviewed journals with support of faculty advisors.

Applications must include transcripts, a writing sample, current resume or CV, three letters of recommendation, and a 1,000-word essay. The essay should highlight the candidate's interest in the objectives, outcomes and expected deliverables of this fellowship and how the candidate's professional/educational goals match the proposed work with foster youth and youth experiencing homelessness in K-12 public education.

**Selection Process:**

Applications will be evaluated and selected by the SJSU Ed.D. Program Faculty Fellowship Committee. Finalists must also complete an in-person or phone interview with the Fellowship Committee.

**Award Specifics:**

\$20,000 per year to cover tuition & fees up to 3 years. (Contingent upon academic progress)

Fellowship will begin on September 1, 2021.