

Education Entrepreneurship Fellowship Program Application

Application Guidance

General Information

The Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) is very pleased to offer the Education Entrepreneurship Summer Fellowship. This Fellowship provides funding for students and recent alumni to advance their entrepreneurial ventures in June, July, and August. A limited number of fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis. Ordinarily, award amounts will not exceed \$10,000 per venture.

Fellowship Eligibility

- Current master's and doctoral students at HGSE
- Recent HGSE alumni with graduation dates between December 2023 and May 2024
- Future HGSE alumni with a pending graduation date of May 2024
- Team applications may include students from other Harvard schools, with an HGSE student as lead
- Funds are available for stipends for members of the venture team, with no individual to receive a stipend in excess of \$2,500 per month for the months of June, July, and August
- In addition to stipends, funds can be used for the general operating purposes of the venture, with all budgets subject to final approval

Fellowship Requirements

- Reflection reports of approximately 1,000 words will be due to the program administrators no later than October 1, 2024
- Fellows will agree to be interviewed and/or filmed to promote the program.
- Fellows may be asked to participate in entrepreneurship activities at HGSE during the 2024-2025 academic year

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated leadership and effectiveness
- Demonstrated interest in and commitment to education entrepreneurship
- Viability of the entrepreneurial venture
- Potential impact of the entrepreneurial venture
- Progress to date such that the summer will be a valuable experience.

A committee of HGSE faculty and administrators, with the opportunity for consultation with the I-Lab, will review applications and make fellowship selections.

Application Questions

Section I: Personal/Team Statement

- 1. Name
- 2. Is this a team-based submission? Yes or No
 - a. If Yes
 - i. Please list additional team members and their Harvard school affiliation, e.g., John Harvard- HLS
 - ii. Please provide some information on the group's experience in working together in the venture's activities to date
- 3. Please provide a short summary of your CV/resume. Include team members, if applicable.
- 4. Please provide a short summary that highlights your effectiveness as a leader.
- 5. Please provide a short summary that highlights your **interest and commitment to education entrepreneurship.**
- 6. Please provide a short summary that highlights your current/past participation in entrepreneurship activities at Harvard/HGSE.

Section II: Your Venture Proposal

- 7. Proposal Title
- **8.** Proposal Description
- 9. How do you think this venture will have a positive impact in the education sector?
- **10.** What distinctive elements will make this venture successful?
- **11.** What important challenge(s) in the field will this venture address?
- 12. What other programs/products are doing similar work in the field?
- **13.** What are the **three most important** things you will accomplish during the summer?

Section III: Budget

- 14. Funding request, not to exceed \$10,000
- **15.** Budget detail: Please submit how you plan to spend the funds by general category, e.g., stipends, travel, legal, advertising, etc. No additional breakdown is necessary, listing the category and amount is sufficient.