

HGSE Education Entrepreneurship Fellowship Program Application

Application Guidance AY 2024-2025

General Information

The Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) is very pleased to offer the Education Entrepreneurship Summer Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to provide funding for students and recent alumni to advance their entrepreneurial ventures during the months of 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 a graduation date in November 2024
- Future HGSE alumni with a pending graduation date by May 2025
- Team applications may include students from other Harvard schools, with an HGSE student as lead
- Funds may be utilized as stipends for venture team members, 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, 2025
- Fellows agree to be interviewed and/or filmed to promote the program
- Fellows may be asked to participate in entrepreneurship activities at HGSE during the 2025-2026 academic year
- Applications are due February 24, 2025 at 5pm EST.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated interest in, and commitment to, education entrepreneurship.
- Viability of the entrepreneurial venture and identified success measures.
- Potential impact of the entrepreneurial venture.
- Demonstrated past leadership experience.
- Progress to date such that the summer will advance the mission and impact of the entrepreneurial endeavor.

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

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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 describe the group's experience working together on the venture's activities to date. (250 word limit)
3. Please share your **prior work and/or extracurricular experiences** most relevant to your proposal. (500 word limit)
4. Please share an example of your and/or your team's past **leadership experience**. (250 word limit)
5. Please provide a short summary that highlights your and/or your team's **interest and commitment to education entrepreneurship**. (500 word limit)
6. Please provide a short summary that highlights your and/or your team's current/past **participation in (or learning experiences related to) entrepreneurship activities** at Harvard/HGSE. (250 word limit)

Section II: Your Venture Proposal

7. Proposal **Title** (25 word limit)
8. Proposal **Description** (250 word limit)
9. **What** important **challenge(s)** in the field will this venture address? Please include data to support your view of the challenge. (500 word limit)
10. **How** will this venture make a **positive impact** in the education sector and address the challenge described? What is your theory of action? Who is the target audience? (500 word limit)
11. How will you **measure the success** of your venture when fully implemented? (250 word limit)
12. What **distinctive** elements will make this venture successful? (250 word limit)
13. What **other programs/products** are doing similar work in the field? What makes this different from what already exists in the field? (250 word limit)
14. What are the **three most important** things you will accomplish during the summer? (250 word limit)

Section III: Budget

15. Total funding request, not to exceed \$10,000 USD
16. Budget detail: Please submit a high-level breakdown of your budget, e.g., allocations for stipends, travel, materials, technology, etc.