

# **Mississippi Teaching Policy Fellowship**

Training teachers as advocates to ensure Mississippi teachers and students thrive

## What is the Mississippi Teaching Policy Fellowship?

- A highly selective leadership opportunity for outstanding Mississippi teachers looking to deepen their knowledge of education policy and gain a voice in decisions that affect students and the teaching profession.
- Fellows expand their influence without leaving the classroom, starting in September 2018 and concluding in September 2019.
- Monthly Fellows Sessions (virtual and in-person)
- Fellows receive training through expert-led modules and direct engagement with key stakeholders. No prior policy experience required.



• Fellows receive a \$1,600 stipend for their commitment.

#### Qualifications

- Be a current teacher of record with at least two (2) full year of teaching experience by September 2018
- Have a track record of success teaching students in Mississippi
- Be ready to dedicate your time and passion to learning about policy and advocating on behalf of changes that impact students across all
- Be able to attend the kickoff event in September

#### What do we do?

Teach Plus trains teachers in understanding education policy as a lever for student success, community organizing, writing op-eds and speaking to the media, providing public testimony, and more. Teach Plus works to create and connect teachers to opportunities to lead in real ways at the policy level.

#### How does it work?

Teach Plus recruits and selects Mississippi Teaching Policy Fellows from across the state to participate in the cohort experience. You will become part of a larger movement of teacher leadership and help mobilize your peers around top issues impacting the teaching profession in Mississippi. Teach Plus works with key stakeholders and policymakers to join the conversation.

### **Teach Plus Policy Fellows have:**

- Met with President Barack Obama in the Oval Office
- Shaped state plans across the country for the Every Student Succeeds Act
- Joined Former Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as part of the U.S. Department of Education's official delegation to the International Summit on the Teaching Profession
- Been published or featured in Education Week, the Associated Press, major local news publications, and have appeared on National Public Radio and local and national and local television outlets

## Application Process (https://teachplus.org/mississippi-teaching-policy-fellowship)

