E3 Alliance
Education Equals Economics

Susan Dawson Fellowship Opportunities

Semester: Spring 2027

Applications Due: November 30, 2026
Anticipated Start Date: February 8, 2027

Fellowship Overview

The E3 Alliance Susan Dawson Fellowship is a 10-week, paid, hands-on, engaging experience for students to gain insights and exposure to career opportunities in nonprofit education data. Specific projects fall under data research, data visualization and storytelling, or data utilization to improve outcomes.

This rigorous and enriching program integrates **projects, education, and mentoring** for students to envision careers within the education nonprofit sector while developing valuable skills and gaining relevant experience.

The Fellowship includes three educational series:

- Nonprofit Leadership: Opportunities to meet and learn from different nonprofit leaders
- How Nonprofits Work: Insights into nonprofit metrics, policy & advocacy, funding, nonprofit boards
- Professional Development: Networking, Storytelling, Presentation Skills

Fellows are assigned a personal mentor who guides them during the fellowship project, explores career aspirations, and provides networking opportunities.

Responsibilities & Compensation

- 10-week Fellowship
- Complete 200 hours (mentoring, education series, and project work) to receive course credit.
- Complete a data-related project
- Develop and deliver a presentation about the project and fellowship experience
- Work 75% in-person and up to 25% remote
- Fellows receive a ***$4,600.00*** stipend for their work based on 200 hours.

Early Education Campaign Fellow

The Early Education Campaign Fellow will support a regional Pre-K enrollment campaign focused on expanding partnerships with school districts, healthcare providers, and community organizations to increase awareness and enrollment in public Pre-K programs. The campaign will build on existing outreach efforts, including distribution of Ready for School Guides and Pre-K Prescription Pads, and will help create more engaging strategies such as a regional kickoff event to align and activate early childhood partners across Central Texas.

The Fellow's work will directly contribute to E3 Alliance's Early Childhood Cohort and regional efforts to increase enrollment among eligible Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 students. The fellowship will help move this work forward by providing dedicated support to coordinate and align cross-sector partners, strengthen outreach efforts, and increase access to early learning opportunities that contribute to kindergarten readiness.

At the end of the 10-week fellowship, the Fellow will deliver the following:

- A comprehensive Pre-K Enrollment Campaign Toolkit that streamlines partner outreach, incorporates digital engagement strategies, and provides a sustainable framework for increasing enrollment and supporting kindergarten readiness across the region.
- Presentation highlighting 10-week fellowship and the toolkit created.

Qualifications

- Undergraduate upperclassmen (junior or senior) or Graduate Student currently enrolled in college or university
- Pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in Marketing, Education, Communications, Data Science or a related field.
- Undergraduate students should be enrolled in the latter half of their degree program. (Second year for an associate's degree and junior/senior for a bachelor's degree.)

Required Skills & Experience

- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Event planning
- Digital outreach
- Proven ability to engage and collaborate with internal and external partners
- An interest in early childhood education and kindergarten readiness.
- Strong analytical and organizational skills.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (WORD, EXCEL, PowerPoint) and Google Workspace
- Ability to work independently and collaborate effectively with others
- Proactive and positive attitude
- Demonstrated leadership and time management skills

How To Apply

- **Application Due Date:** November 30, 2026
- Submit your application here: **Fellowship Application**
- You will need to include a resume, cover letter, and short essay (prompt below).
- **Be sure to utilize the Career Services Department, Writing Center, or other resources at your school to help prepare and proofread your resume, cover letter, and essay**.

  Essay Question:

  Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose track of time. Why does it captivate you? Essay should be no more than 500 words.

About E3 Alliance

E3 Alliance is a nonprofit organization leading the charge in the relentless pursuit of education transformation for Texas students. Founded in 2006, E3 Alliance is a Texas-based education collaborative that leverages data to serve as a catalyst to impact educational outcomes for all students—cradle to career. Partnering with school, community, and business leaders, E3 Alliance brings together diverse voices to collaborate and build a strong, equitable education pipeline that delivers a trained and educated workforce while creating long-term, systemic change.

Core Values: Trustworthy | Resolute | Collaborative | Intentional