

# School Improvement Fellowship

## 2019-20 Program Overview and Application

### Overview

Are you interested in a deeper understanding of how to guide strategic improvement and to inform decision-making within your organization? **The focus of the School Improvement Fellowship is building the capacity of leaders to continuously advance the programs, practices, and structures within their schools.**

Fellows will meet quarterly and engage with other Fellows and outside experts in areas of organizational leadership and systems improvement and receive in-depth and specialized training and support from CSI staff, including individualized coaching. Continuing education credits and a certificate of completion will be provided at the completion of the Fellowship.

Fellows will be required to attend the three in-person sessions. CSI will cover the costs associated with travel for all accepted fellows. Quarterly Fellowship sessions are scheduled for October 1, 2020, January 28, 2021, and June 10, 2021. Locations will be determined once the cohort has been selected. In addition to the three in-person sessions, Fellows will be receive regular one-on-one coaching personalized to their leadership needs.

### Outcomes

Through the CSI School Improvement Fellowship, participants will develop:

1. School-level structures and processes for evidence-based decision making
2. Tools for implementing and evaluating the effectiveness of programs
3. A network of improvement-focused school leaders



Engage with other  
Fellows, experts,  
and CSI staff



Receive in-depth training  
and individualized  
coaching from CSI staff



Earn continuing  
education credits and a  
certificate of completion

### Program Dates

Winter 2019	Program Announcement and Application Released
March 24, 2020	Applications Due
April 31, 2020	CSI School Improvement Fellows Selected
September 4, 2020	Virtual Kick-off Session and Program Overview
October 1, 2020	First Fellowship In-Person Session
January 28, 2021	Second Fellowship In-Person Session
June 10, 2021	Third Fellowship In-Person Session

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How can I apply?

**Applications are due March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** To apply to the School Improvement Fellowship click here: <http://bit.ly/SIF2020>

### Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible candidates are school leaders and/or members of the school leadership team. Candidates must be currently working in leadership in a CSI charter school and be interested in deepening their understanding of how to utilize data and evidence to guide strategic improvement within their organization. Fellows will need the approval of their school leader to participate in the program.

### What does the program entail?

The CSI School Improvement Fellowship focuses on building a culture of continuous improvement and understanding of the data landscape in which leaders operate. Fellows will explore current research, share practices, and develop and implement school-level structures and processes for evidence-based decision making and tools for evaluating the effectiveness of programs. Each Fellow will also be partnered with a CSI staff member to directly support their work in developing as improvement-focused leaders.

### When and where will the Fellows meet?

The program involves a series of three in-person sessions. Session locations will be determined once the cohort is selected and in-person session locations may vary and be held in various regions of the state.

Fellows will also work directly with their assigned CSI partner at least three times over the course of the year (including at least one in-person meeting) to develop their school-specific improvement plan.

### What is the cost of participating?

Full scholarships will be provided to all selected Fellows and there should be no cost to the Fellow or the school for travel associated with participation in the Fellowship.