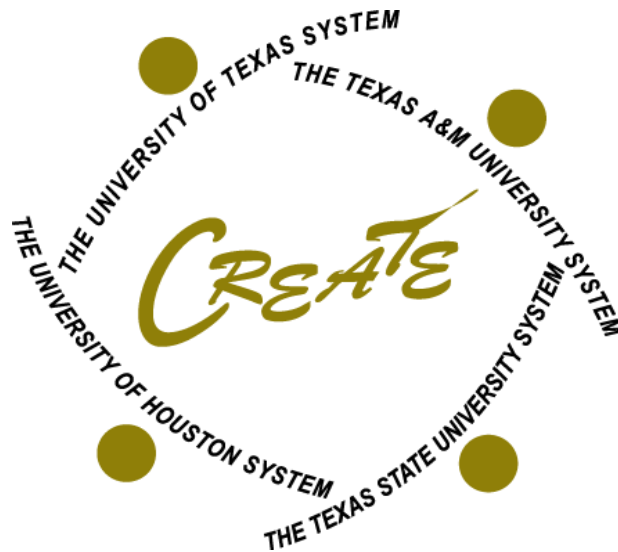




# THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2012

*If you are a school professional currently engaged in doctoral study, consider this new opportunity for personal success and professional contribution!*



**Sponsored by:  
The Texas Public Schools Research Network**

A joint project of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and the Center for Research, Evaluation and Advancement of Teacher Education (CREATE)



## OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

The Public School Research Scholars Program is intended to guide and support the doctoral research endeavors of public school professionals currently working in school districts affiliated with the Texas Public Schools Research Network. Program activities enable participating school leaders to design and complete **doctoral research related to teaching quality and effectiveness** that fulfills requirements of their doctoral program and provides meaningful and important findings to member school districts.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Selected Public School Research Scholars will receive specialized coaching and mentoring from CREATE Research Fellows, consortium university faculty selected for dissertation expertise and knowledge of teaching quality and effectiveness issues. The in-depth instruction will enable efficient development of successful dissertation proposals that can pass muster in university academic departments and allow participants to plan and execute practical and timely research that directly addresses the professional interests of your school and district. As funds become available, the completed research proposals of Public School Research Scholars may be eligible for research implementation grants to help defray expenses for data collection and analysis, as well as publication and dissemination.

## WHO IS ELEGIBLE TO APPLY?

Interested public school professionals from member school districts in the Texas Public Schools Research Network who are already accepted into candidacy in an accredited doctoral program within a CREATE consortium member institution (list attached) may apply to become a Texas Public School Research Scholar. Candidates must have interest in developing research designs related to topics associated with teacher quality and effectiveness and be very close to beginning the dissertation process. Research Scholars will be chosen by a selection team comprised of the staff of Center for Research, Evaluation and Advancement of Teacher Education (CREATE).

## LOCATON FOR ALL WORKSHOPS

**University of Houston  
College of Education  
Farish Hall  
Houston, TX 77204**



## HOW THE PROGRAM IS STRUCTURED

### PHASE 1: Research Design Series

Each Research Scholar is awarded an initial **\$2000 travel allotment** to support the following activities:

**Summer Design Workshops:** Research Scholars attend three summer research design workshops hosted by CREATE. The two-day design workshops include direct instruction in research design, statistical applications and research management by a team of CREATE Research Fellows.

Workshop #1  
Question Building and Literature Review  
June 21, & 22, 2012

Workshop #2  
Linking Questions to Methods  
July 19 & 20, 2012

Workshop #3  
Research Management and the Dissertation Process  
August 9 & 10, 2012

In addition to instruction on technical design issues, Research Scholars will have opportunities for peer review as well as one-on-one critiques and coaching related to their specific research design from CREATE staff and University Research Fellows.

**Independent Work Assignments:** As an extension of the summer workshops, each Research Scholar will be responsible for a series of “homework” assignments, each related to the development of a high-quality research design in the area of teaching quality and effectiveness. These assignments may include such activities as literature review and synthesis, instrument development, data gathering, etc. The independent work of each Research Scholar will be supervised and monitored by an assigned University Research Fellow.

### PHASE 2: Invitation to Continue

As funding becomes available, participants may be invited to continue to Phase 2 of the Scholars Program. This funding is awarded to defer some research costs associated with the dissertation. Phase 2 culminates in the successful completion of a dissertation proposal by each scholar in the area of teaching quality and effectiveness. Scholars receiving research awards will continue to have access to coaching assistance and technical advice from Faculty Research Fellows during the dissertation process. In addition, Research Scholars will be encouraged to disseminate findings of their completed research to the professional community. Results of these studies will be placed on the CREATE website, and Scholars may be invited for presentation at CREATE-sponsored workshops or conferences, as well as related TASA events.



## APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINES

Interested professionals may apply by completing the Public School Research Scholars Program Nomination Form on the next page and forwarding it to:

Public School Research Scholars Program  
Attention: Dr. Mona Wineburg, Project Director  
Center for Research, Evaluation & Advancement of Teacher Education  
3232 College Park Drive, Suite 303  
The Woodlands, TX 77384

Applications must be received by March 26, 2012. Candidates will be selected and notified by April 13, 2012.

### **ABOUT THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION**

CREATE is a university research and development center whose mission is to advance the quality and effectiveness of teacher preparation in Texas universities. It is a consortium of 46 universities, comprising the institutions in The Texas A&M University System, The Texas State University System, The University of Houston System and The University of Texas System, as well as additional public and private universities throughout the state. For more information about CREATE please consult the organization's website at [www.createtx.org](http://www.createtx.org).

### **ABOUT THE TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESEARCH NETWORK**

The Texas Public Schools Research Network (TPSRN) is a university-public school research collaborative devoted to cooperative design and implementation of educational research related to teacher quality and effectiveness. The Network is currently comprised of fourteen school districts throughout the state, and is administered by CREATE, in partnership with the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA).



**THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM  
NOMINATION FORM**

DEADLINE: March 26, 2012

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Office Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in District: \_\_\_\_\_

University Doctoral Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctoral Degree and Academic Specialization: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Graduate Hours Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Graduate Hours Remaining: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Topic for Doctoral Study on Teacher Quality and Effectiveness: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please attach the following:**

- 1. A brief narrative outlining the topic and preliminary research questions that you will be addressing in the proposed research.**
- 2. A letter of support for your participation as a Research Scholar from:**
  - (a) your faculty advisor and/or dissertation committee chair, and**
  - (b) your supervising administrator in your district.**



## **CONTACTS**

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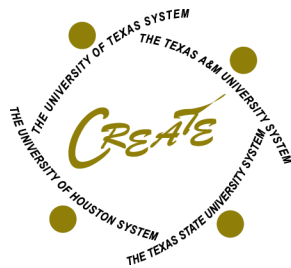
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