

Cradle-to-Career Summer Fellowship for Harvard College Students

A joint initiative between The EdRedesign Lab (EdRedesign) at Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE), the Harvard College Center for Public Service and Engaged Scholarship, and its Mindich Service Fellowship program, the **Cradle-to-Career Summer Fellows Cohort** offers Harvard undergraduates the opportunity to work with organizations tackling issues of educational equity, intergenerational poverty, and economic mobility in communities across the country. Driven by the vision that race, place, and income should no longer be determinants of school and life success for children and young people, Summer Fellows will work on projects dedicated to changing practices, policies, and systems so that more young people can reach their full potential.

Summer Fellows will spend 10 weeks during the Summer 2025 working with some of the nation's leading organizations advancing social and economic mobility through place-based innovations. Fellows will receive a \$6,000 stipend for their public service work; students on financial aid are eligible to receive up to a \$7,000 stipend. Summer placements are primarily in-person and will require students to live and work in the cities where their host organizations are located. Students may have the opportunity to set up a weekly hybrid schedule with their host organization. All Cradle-to-Career Summer Fellows will have access to professional development opportunities offered by EdRedesign.

Cradle-to-Career Summer Fellowship Sites

Interested Harvard College students are welcome to apply to one or more of the full-time Summer 2025 fellowship opportunities with the host organizations highlighted below:

- [Child Poverty Action Lab](#) (Dallas, Texas): 1 in 4 Dallas children are growing up in poverty. At the Child Poverty Action Lab ("CPAL"), we are working to reduce the child poverty rate by 50% in a single generation. We operate as an unofficial R&D department for Dallas, rethinking how data can be integrated into public systems, community programs, and neighborhood life to break cycles of intergenerational poverty. Guided by evidence, we focus on

impactful strategies aligned with five 'big bets' for driving economic mobility in our community: Benefits Delivery, Maternal Health, Housing, Criminal Justice, and Safety.

- [EdRedesign Lab](#) at Harvard Graduate School of Education (Cambridge, Massachusetts): Founded in 2014 by Paul Reville, Francis Keppel Professor of Practice of Educational Policy and Administration at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, EdRedesign provides catalytic support to the cradle-to-career place-based partnership field to drive systems-level change and open personalized pathways to well-being, educational attainment, civic engagement, and upward mobility. To support this growing field to effect transformational change that serves the needs and talents of individual children and youth, our work focuses on talent development, actionable research, our Institute for Success Planning, and our By All Means initiatives. Our mission is to ensure the social, emotional, physical, and academic development and well-being of all children and youth, especially those affected by racism, poverty, and disinvestment.
- [Focused Community Strategies](#) (Atlanta, Georgia): Focused Community Strategies (FCS) is a faith-based community development organization working in under-resourced neighborhoods to bring about transformational change. Our mission is to “partner with under-resourced neighborhoods to provide innovative and holistic development that promotes flourishing communities & God’s Shalom.” For over three decades, FCS has hosted internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students looking to further their education with ground level experience in our neighborhood-based affordable housing and economic development work.
- [Mission Economic Development Agency](#) (San Francisco, California): Rooted in San Francisco's Mission District, MEDA is advancing a national equity movement by building Latino prosperity, community ownership and civic power. We envision generations of Latino families choosing where to call

home, thriving economically, succeeding in learning opportunities, and leading policy and social change toward a more equitable society.

- [William Julius Wilson Institute](#) at Harlem Children's Zone (New York, New York): William Julius Wilson Institute at Harlem Children's Zone is a national resource for place-based, people-focused solutions that open pathways to social and economic mobility. Through our work with communities, one million young people will be connected to opportunities that place them on a path to social and economic mobility and racial equity. These outcomes will drive and be driven by systems change and scalable solutions informed by research and practice. Through direct work with a set of places and broader field-building efforts, William Julius Wilson Institute will build an ecosystem that enables high-impact, place-based work and effectively resources and empowers proximate neighborhood leaders as integral to driving sustainable change in the most vulnerable communities.

Application Information

Interested students can review position descriptions for Fellowship sites [on the Mindich Summer Fellowship program webpage](#). Candidates must submit their applications on [CARAT](#) by **Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 11:59pm ET**. For frequently asked questions, please review [this application information webpage](#). For additional questions, please reach out to pathways@fas.harvard.edu.