

POSTDOC OPPORTUNITY AT THE TEXAS POLICY LAB AT RICE UNIVERSITY

The Texas Policy Lab at Rice University seeks a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Academy of Fellows Program at Rice University in Houston, Texas. The Postdoctoral Fellow will work with an interdisciplinary team of social science researchers to understand the barriers and facilitators for childcare programs to participate in innovative public policy initiatives. The fellowship is a two-year appointment. This appointment is contingent upon receipt of the Ph.D. prior to the start date. The start date is July 1, 2023.

Background: The project's goal is to execute a qualitative study on the planning, implementation, and outcomes of three initiatives designed to benefit childcare programs, early care and education teachers, and families in Texas. These programs establish Registered Apprenticeship Programs for teachers, Shared Services for Childcare Programs, and Pre-K Partnerships between Local Education Agencies (e.g., school districts) and childcare programs. Our team will collect data from qualitative interviews, documents, and analyze administrative datasets. Our research objective is to answer specific planning, implementation, and outcome questions, but also construct a framework that researchers and policymakers can explore to evaluate implementation success for other interventions in this area.

Duties:

- Conduct research in collaboration with researchers at the Texas Policy Lab and its faculty affiliates. Submit articles for publication.
- Supervise graduate and undergraduate students in conducting data collection and data analysis.
- Participate in project meetings and other events with the Texas Policy Lab, the Texas Workforce Commission, and other partner institutions.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will work both collaboratively and independently, forming connections with the Texas Policy Lab Team. The Fellow is expected to take advantage of the many resources at Rice University (e.g., colloquia, workshops, and other events) to develop a research career.

Qualifications - the candidate will be expected to have:

- PhD in epidemiology, demography, sociology, education policy, or a related field
- Background in qualitative methods.
- Comfort using qualitative analysis software such as NVivo.
- Expertise in policy-relevant evaluation or evaluation research.

Application Process: To apply, please log onto

https://emdz.fa.us2.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX_1001/job/1800/?utm_medium=jobshare

Serious applicants should direct inquiries regarding this position to: Professor Flavio Cunha (Flavio.Cunha@rice.edu). Please email your CV.



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ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP:

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

We welcome applications from exceptional scholars with unusual promise for future intellectual achievement. We have no citizenship requirement. See our website for more information about participating departments.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Postdoctoral fellows are appointed to a two-year term. Professional development is a central focus, and Academy Postdoctoral Fellows will receive close mentorship in pursuit of career development awards.

The standard stipend is \$60,000. Fellows are additionally provided \$5,000 in a research fund and access to university resources.

ABOUT HOUSTON

Houston is the most diverse city in the United States and the fourth largest. Living in Houston means affordable housing options, excellent school districts and employment opportunities in numerous industries throughout the region. Nationally recognized parks, professional sports teams, world-class dining, and other attractions make Houston a great place to call home.