



Design Studio Fellowship

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Creating schools that Rochester families want and need.



Are you an educator or aspiring education entrepreneur with a connection to Rochester? Have you identified a problem in your school or community but aren't sure what to do next?

The Design Studio will help you refine and pilot your vision for a bold new school model. Over a nine-month period, you'll bring your to life with support from [READY](#), a Rochester nonprofit focused on quality schools, and [Moonshot](#), nationally-recognized school innovation experts.

What you can expect during the fellowship:

- Expert guidance on school design and piloting your idea
- Funding to pilot your initiative
- Inspiration Visits to innovative schools
- Access to key community stakeholders leading key efforts in Rochester
- Priority consideration for "Launch", a year-long paid opportunity with comprehensive support to launch your school model
- Executive coaching sessions throughout the Fellowship experience

High-level calendar:

- June 2025: Onboarding
- August 2025: Kickoff Session (in person)
- October 2025: Denver Visits (in person)
- December 2025 & February 2026: Piloting with two Virtual Workshops
- March 2026: Final Presentation & Stakeholder Meetings (in-person)

Testimonials from Design Studio Fellows:



Jasmine Whaley-Mathis

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This journey empowered me to amplify community voices and create meaningful change.



Amber Powers

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For the first time in my professional life, I have felt deeply supported and finally ready to take the next steps in helping to bring change to education in Rochester.



Jeremy Smith

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The resources and communal learning spaces strengthened my educational dexterity.



Katie Trepanier

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The Fellowship was transformative, inspiring collaboration and equity-focused design. It deepened my understanding of leadership and renewed my sense of purpose.

This opportunity is right for you if...

- You are passionate about creating education opportunities for children in Rochester to maximize their full potential
- You have an out-of-the-box idea for a school model and need some extra time, support and resources to build it out
- You are a lifelong learner and get excited to experience unique K-12 educational models happening in other cities
- You have an entrepreneurial spirit and want to be part of a community of other committed, innovative educators in Rochester
- You believe families, students, and community members should be partners in setting a vision for education in Rochester

- The full application will launch in early February 2025.
- Priority application deadline is Monday, March 24, 2025.

**TO INDICATE INTEREST,
[CLICK HERE!](#)**

Know someone who could be a great fit for the fellowship? Nominate them [here](#).

**WANT TO LEARN MORE?
Attend an info session:**

Virtual: February 6, 2025,
5-6pm ET

In-person: March 19,
5:30-6:30pm ET, location TBD

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)
For either info session