



## About SESEC

SESEC is a coalition of community-based organizations, schools, and parents/caregivers working together to improve education in SE Seattle. We believe by having a collective voice -- one that is inclusive of BIPOC communities and those who are often missing from important conversations. We advocate for equitable educational policies for our children, families, and the SE Seattle community.

SESEC's work is divided into two broad categories: 1) advocacy/policy/systems change, and 2) building community voices. This position will support both categories by bringing expertise and experience in policy, advocacy and systems change while providing leadership to strengthen the understanding of community leaders and parents/caregivers of color about educational policy and how to be more effective advocates for change.

## Fellow's Work

SESEC currently has three advocacy and community voice development projects available, and a College of Education fellow may work on one or all of them:

- A Youth Participatory Grant Making project, in which a cohort of youth of color from Southeast Seattle schools learn about philanthropy and its potential for supporting antiracist advocacy for change, especially in the context of education. The cohort meets regularly for a set period culminating in the award of a grant to a selected organization or organizations. This project is fully funded and Cohort #1 is currently underway. Cohort #2 will commence in fall 2023.
- A Family-School Budget Co-Development project, in which families from Southeast Seattle public schools will be invited to develop their understanding of education funding and decision-making around the deployment of resources at the individual school level. The aim is for families to feel equipped and comfortable serving on a school-level Building Leadership Team and increase family representation on these decision-making bodies in Southeast Seattle public schools. If funded, this project would also commence in fall 2023.
- An Advocacy Module for Families project, which would adapt SESEC's current Advocacy and Policy Cohort model for use in community settings. The start date for this project is currently under consideration.

## Goals

The goals for the Fellow are to learn about education systems change, community-based advocacy, and community network building.

### **Sample of potential job duties**

- Assist in developing curriculum for Youth Grantmaking and Family-School Budget projects
- Support facilitation of meetings with youth and families
- Meet with school board directors, legislators and other policymakers
- Liaise with families, students, schools and community-based organizations
- Support SESEC with other organizational duties and tasks

### **Desired skills/interests**

Fellows should be able to:

- coordinate their project work with the rest of the organization and keep other team members aware of progress and challenges
- comfortably talk and listen to community members as well as policymakers
- demonstrate an understanding of race, equity, educational justice, and community building
- be willing to work occasional evenings or weekends with prior notice
- keep core office hours and work out of our office when required; office culture allows for flexible work schedules with prior notice and communication

### **Office Team**

- The SESEC staff team is a small team of three-people, we support many others through our coalition work. We co-share office space with Kandelia. We work out of an open-concept office, no individual offices.

### **SESEC will provide**

- A desk and workspace
- A computer to complete work, the computer/laptop is on loan to the Fellow during the duration of their work with SESEC and must be returned upon separation
- Parking pass for all-day, on-street parking in Columbia City
- Keys to the office

### **Expectations**

- Work a regular schedule of 20/hrs a week during agreed upon weeks
- Complete paperwork as needed to maintain their Fellowship with the UW College of Education, e.g. timesheets, fellowship paperwork, course enrollment, etc.
- Respectfully communicate with the rest of the team and community partners
- Represent SESEC in the community as needed, including on weeknights and weekends as needed
- Transportation is at the Fellow's discretion for project related business, and will be reimbursed by SESEC at the SESEC mileage rate

### **Other**

- The Fellow does not qualify for SESEC benefits (e.g. medical, dental, etc.)
- Paychecks for the Fellow will come from the University of Washington