In 2003, the Department of Public Policy and Administration established the Educational Policy and Leadership Track as one of its concentrations. The Track emerged as an outgrowth of a ten-year process of engagement with K-12 education, early childhood and replication of best practices through professional development, under the leadership of Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago, Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor and Director of the Center for Strategic Urban Community Leadership. Structured as a two-year program which includes: completion of 7 core courses; 5 specialized courses; and a 9-credits to be fulfilled through an internship, the Track was developed to target aspiring school leaders or principals and to facilitate the certification process, so that graduates could be in a position to begin working as school administrators in New Jersey upon graduation.

The Education Fellowships were established to recruit outstanding individuals interested in the field of education, as well as teachers, administrators and emerging education leaders from the region to pursue graduate level studies that will lead to licensing as a School Leader in NJ and to the acquisition of important skills for meeting the challenges of the changing educational environment. Selection of fellows is based on both academic and professional achievement.

ELIGIBILITY

Interested students are eligible for review for an Education Fellowship upon admission into the MPA Program at the Rutgers-Camden Graduate School. Candidates must have a commitment to public education, and demonstrate leadership potential. A Faculty Committee reviews the completed Education Fellowship applications for candidates admitted to the MPA program. Education fellows are required to commit to working at the LEAP Academy for at least 1-2 years after receiving the MPA degree depending on the total amount of the fellowship.

APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESSES

To be considered for the fellowship, all candidates must submit separate copies of (some) admission application documents, transcripts, and letters of recommendation, directly to the MPA Department/Attn: Education Fellowship. Candidates who have applied previously, who deferred admission, or who were accepted for early admission must re-apply for this fellowship for the appropriate year.)

AWARDS: Education Fellowship awards are tuition fellowships and require for a commitment of working in an internship at the LEAP Academy University Charter School. The number of fellowships offered is determined annually. Awards are announced soon after admission decisions have been sent to applicants.
LEAP EDUCATION FELLOWSHIPS
APPLICATION
Applicants must submit the application and all supporting documentation in a single packet. The envelope must be marked with your full name and the word “LEAP FELLOWSHIP.”

Name: ___________________________ SS# ___________________________
   Last name                                      First Name

Current address: _____________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________ e-mail: ___________________________

School where you presently work (if applicable): _________________________________

Position/Title: _______________________________________________________________

Year of Teaching: (if applicable): ______________________________________________

Time Commitment to internship:

☐ Full-Time (8:30 – 4:40)
☐ Part-Time (3:30 – 5:30)

Areas of Interest for Internship Experience:

☐ Teaching
☐ Tutoring/Remediation
☐ Professional Development
☐ Curriculum Development
☐ Academic Programming (i.e., gifted and talented programs, multi-age classrooms)
☐ Early Childhood
☐ Behavioral Health/Character Building
☐ Other: Specify

Signature                                                                 Date

A complete packet contains: (Some of these items can be copied from the admissions application)

- a completed and signed Fellowship Application Form
- a statement of purpose elaborating on your experience in education, your views on public education and school leadership, your future plans as a school leader and your expectations for the internship experience at LEAP