Evaluation Fellows Program

**Purpose**: The Evaluation Fellows Program aims to expand the capacity of CNS to conduct research and evaluation to assess the usefulness and impact of education programs and initiatives. The Evaluation Fellows Program signifies CNS’ commitment to providing students with authentic, experiential learning opportunities in areas relevant to today’s workforce.

**Goals**: The goals of the program are:

- To strengthen students’ qualitative and quantitative skills, evaluation and education research design skills, communication and data reporting skills through workshops, mentoring, and experiential projects; and
- To grow CNS’ capacity to provide education research and evaluation support to administrators, researchers and faculty

**Brief Description**: Fellows will gain practical, hands-on experience conducting education evaluation research by working on real world projects with faculty and administrators in CNS. Fellows will participate in bi-monthly workshops to obtain additional mentoring and training in evaluation theory, design, methods, analysis and reporting.

**Main Responsibilities**: Fellows will work in pairs to provide evaluation and education research services to faculty and staff in CNS. Tasks will include the following:

- Design, collect, analyze, create reports, and present data and information. Reports may include tables, charts, dashboards, and executive summaries, as needed.
- Conduct survey research, including survey design, administration and logistics
- Conduct focus groups and interviews, including generating qualitative guides
- Use statistical analytical techniques (e.g., regression) to mine data and answer education research and evaluation questions
- Conduct literature reviews and summarize relevant findings to inform projects
- Contribute to publications and conference presentations, as requested
- Participate in bimonthly training workshops to learn best practices in evaluation and research.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

**Direction**: The evaluation fellows program is under the leadership of the STEM Education Evaluation and Research Coordinator, Dr. Shelly Engelman. Email **Contact**: shellye@utexas.edu for more information.

**Duration**: The fellowship is intended to be a one-year (two semester) program, with a second year contingent on satisfactory performance and availability of funds. Approximately 6 undergraduate students will participate per semester.

**Commitment and compensation**: Fellows are expected to commit 10 hours per week. Students are compensated hourly at a rate of $10-11.