

## **Ruth & Lovett Peters Fellowship**

### ***Focusing on Education Policy in 2016***

Pioneer Institute is seeking candidates for the Ruth and Lovett Peters fellowship, an opportunity for a current or recent graduate student with a passionate interest in education policy and strong entrepreneurial and analytic abilities. The fellow, who carries the title of Ruth & Lovett Peters Fellow, will develop a broad range of research and public policy skills; he or she will also have an opportunity to devise and complete a “Lead” project, which can consist of research or a practical policy project.

The Fellowship will commence in the spring/summer of 2016.

A Ruth & Lovett Peters Fellow at Pioneer Institute will:

- Enhance leadership skills
- Gain extensive training in research writing and the peer review process
- Apply statistical knowledge to research output
- Publish at least one research paper that may be sponsored by Pioneer
- Develop public speaking experience
- Develop wide-ranging social media communications experience
- Advance presentation skills
- Develop a broad network within the public policy community
- Participate in coordinating a policy event
- Interact with opinion writers
- Learn how to successfully market a research project

The Fellowship may span between 6 and 9 months. During the course of the Fellowship, the Fellow will receive training and research assistance as well as develop a thorough grounding in think tank and idea marketing. Staff will ensure skill acquisition in research project assistance, op-ed and press release writing, blogging, event direction, and public speaking.

The fellow will also work on a self-directed “Lead” project. The “Lead” project, defined and led by the fellow, can be oriented toward research or practice. The Lead project will be compatible with Pioneer’s mission and approved by Pioneer’s Executive Director. The Institute’s education policy priorities are related to charter, vocational, and virtual schools; inter-district public and private school choice; standardized testing and assessments; and teacher quality. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals for projects as part of the application process.

The Ruth & Lovett Peters Fellowship is available to applicants with Master’s level course completion; preferably those with an MBA, MPA, MPP, other Master’s programs or those currently enrolled in a doctoral program. The Fellow will report to either James Stergios, Pioneer’s Executive Director, or Jamie Gass, Director of Pioneer’s Center for School Reform.

The Fellow will receive salary, the amount of which is dependent on experience and other criteria, for the fellowship period.

## **Mandatory Requirements for Application**

- Reside in the Boston area during the entire program.
- Be a recent graduate or currently enrolled in an accredited Masters or PhD program.
- Possess a passion for public policy and goals consistent with Pioneer's mission.
- Possess solid skills in quantitative analysis, evidenced by graduate-level statistics and methods courses.
- Be a U.S. citizen, have permanent U.S. residency or possess Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization.

## **Applications and Process**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Selection of the fellow will be determined by a team of Pioneer Institute staff.

**No application will be considered unless all of the required information is submitted by the deadline.** Please e-mail:

- Application form (attached).
- A copy of both undergraduate and graduate transcripts (if selected, an official copy will be requested).
- A recommendation from a faculty member using the attached form.
- An essay (no greater than 600 words) explaining why you chose your current field of study, why your goals are consistent with Pioneer's mission and how this Fellowship would help you to achieve your goals. We encourage you to also include the nature of projects you would propose for the Fellowship (with an understanding that the projects are subject to refinement).
- If selected to proceed further, an interview will be conducted.

**If you have questions about the fellowship,** please contact:

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## Application for Lovett C. Peters Fellowship

Name				
Home or Permanent Address				
Address at School			Send correspondence to:	
Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail		
Date of Birth				
Are you authorized to work in the U.S.?				
Graduate School	Date of Graduation	Degree Sought	GPA	
Undergraduate School	Date of Graduation	Major	Minor	GPA
High School attended (Name, City, State)				
Other Post-secondary institutions where you have been enrolled (Name, City, State)				

<b>Community and Volunteer Activities (Please List)</b>

<b>Work Experience:</b>		
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Position</b>

<b>Other Fellowships, if any:</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Organization</b>