
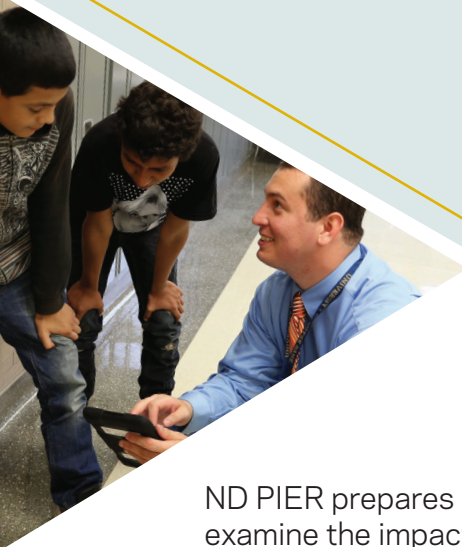


Fellows of the program will be prepared to:

- Understand the impact of educational reforms at various levels of the education system
- Apply rigorous statistical methods to student outcome data
- Create and carry out field-based randomized studies on educational issues
- Work on interdisciplinary research teams and projects

NOTRE DAME PIER

THE PROGRAM FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY
Educational Research



ND PIER prepares students to rigorously examine the impact of educational practices, programs, and policies with their training in state-of-the-art methods. Drawing on the expertise of the Fellows of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives in Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, STEM Education, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, and other affiliated centers, ND PIER builds a community of early career scholars who support and encourage one another's learning and professional aspirations to engage the broader Institute mission. Students will be proficient in demonstrating what works in education, for whom, and under what conditions, with special attention to educational inequalities and disadvantaged students. Particular emphasis will be placed on issues and challenges facing faith-based, particularly Catholic, schools.

A Coordinated Program of Study

Working within the framework of the Ph.D. course requirements of their respective departments, students will participate in a small number of interdisciplinary courses to increase their knowledge and skills in educational social science. They will also join a bi-monthly seminar hosted by prominent educational researchers.

- What policies, practices, and programs work in education?
- Under which conditions are they effective?
- Who benefits from them?
- What are their unintended consequences?

Fellowship Benefits

Students admitted to ND PIER will be awarded the Rev. James A. Burns Fellowship.

In addition to the stipend – including full tuition remission and health insurance – typically awarded to Ph.D. students, students will receive:

- A top-off award of \$5,000-\$10,000 for up to five years
- Professional development funding for research and travel (about \$2,500/yr)

How to Apply

Students apply to the Burns Fellowship as part of their applications to one of Notre Dame's Ph.D. programs in Economics, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology. On the "Uploads" page of the application, students should submit a 300-word statement of interest describing their fit with the fellowship, and elaborating on their interests in educational practices, programs, and policies.

After departments screen candidates, the ND PIER Program Committee will review applications and admit students across affiliated departments and faculty.