

## PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING A ROLE AS A VISITING SCHOLAR

Before applying, interested individuals should contact the Department of Educational Studies (EDST) who will then, in turn, connect scholars with a member of the EDST Faculty who could possibly be interested in serving as a prospective postdoctoral mentor to discuss project ideas. Listings of EDST Faculty are described by Program Area at:

<https://www.education.purdue.edu/departments/department-of-educational-studies/>

Mentoring may be sought from individual faculty or from faculty teams, whichever is more appropriate to conduct the proposed work successfully. Before applications will be considered for a Visiting Scholar position, interested scholars **must** first have secured written approval from at least one member of the EDST Faculty.

To apply to the EDST Visiting Scholars program, candidates must submit:

1. Letter(s) from one or more EDST Faculty who have agreed to serve as mentors for the proposed project, including a statement describing the nature of support;
2. The most recent curriculum vitae;
3. A proposal describing the work to be undertaken (see the two sections below for detailed instructions); and
4. Two letters of reference, including one from the current work supervisor.

### Proposal

Applicants may propose projects that complement, extend, or synthesize existing efforts and interests of the faculty. The proposal should identify the issue to be addressed, summarize the current level of knowledge as it relates to the issue, describe the objective(s) of the proposed work, provide the study design and methods used to meet the objective(s), explain expected results and deliverables, and highlight their scientific and broader significance. The proposal is limited to a 300-word summary page and then three (3) single-spaced pages of details, not including references, using one-inch margins and a minimum 11-point standard font.

### Submission and Decision Processes

Materials should be submitted as pdf files via email to [jnavarre@purdue.edu](mailto:jnavarre@purdue.edu) with the subject line **Application: Postdoctoral Scholars in EDST**. Writers of letters of reference should submit their recommendations directly using this same e-mail address. The deadline for receiving completed applications is **June 1** for applicants who seek a Visiting Scholar position to begin in August and lasting either 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, or 12 months. The deadline for receiving completed applications is **October 15** for applicants who seek a Visiting Scholar position to begin in January and lasting either 3 months, 6 months, or 8 months.

Applications will be judged by the Faculty of the Program Area in which the applicant seeks to work, and the basis for such judgment will be the overall quality including prior performance, support letters, and the scientific and technical merit, and the feasibility of the proposal.