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## **MANAGER, THE CHICAGO PRINCIPAL PARTNERSHIP**

The Chicago Public Education Fund (The Fund) was founded in 2000 by civic, business and philanthropic leaders who believed that “better schools are everyone’s business.” This has never been truer than it is today. Fund grants – more than \$70 million to date – have a measurable, positive impact in schools and improve outcomes for students. The Fund remains committed to making Chicago the first city in the nation with world-class public schools for all. We currently work toward this vision by stewarding programs, initiatives and organizations that train, support and retain outstanding principals citywide. We value collaboration, integrity and equity.

We are currently seeking one Manager to lead The Chicago Principal Partnership (The Partnership), a collaborative of organizations that share a belief in the importance of principal quality as part of the city’s school improvement strategy. Since its launch in 2016, The Partnership has convened members of over 15 organizations to gather data, share best practices and explore new ways to better support school leaders in Chicago. To maximize the success of higher-risk initiative testing and exploration, the Manager, The Chicago Principal Partnership will closely collaborate with our cross-functional leadership team to drive new ideas and help the team succeed. They will demonstrate a hypothesis-driven and outcome-oriented mindset, with a bias toward action, especially in ambiguity.

### **ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Manager, The Chicago Principal Partnership will report to the Chief Executive Officer and will be responsible for setting the vision and driving the strategy for The Partnership. These efforts will be concentrated around The Partnership’s current focus on advancing innovative new ways to strengthen the principal pipeline.

Responsibilities for the Manager include, but are not limited to:

- Leading the development of The Partnership’s vision and strategies to drive the next edge of growth for Chicago’s principal pipeline, in close collaboration with Chicago Public Schools and citywide partners.
- Managing a cross-functional team to execute on Partnership goals.
- Driving the investment process for principal pipeline projects, including due diligence around prospective investments, management of external partners and analysis of investment impact; using principal quality data as part of this process to directly inform key decisions, success targets and progress monitoring.
- Building relationships with multiple stakeholders, including The Fund’s Board of Directors, Chicago Public Schools, the philanthropic community, other partners focused on principal quality, principals and educators to inform The Partnership’s long-term vision and strategies to support principal quality.

### **CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS**

The Fund is seeking a highly motivated professional. Successful candidates will have:

- Prior experience with cross-functional team coordination and direct staff management strongly preferred.
- Prior experience with data management and analytics strongly preferred.
- Ability to cultivate and manage relationships and networks in order to achieve results.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- A strong work ethic and detail-oriented approach.
- Comfort in new or unprecedented contexts.
- Project planning experience with a strong track record of executing on and achieving results.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills, particularly with diverse audiences.
- High proficiency in Microsoft Office – particularly PowerPoint, Excel and Word.
- Ability to proactively and openly communicate as a member of the senior leadership team to support project stability and professional success.



- Ideally, prior experience and/or interest in working in the nonprofit or education sector.
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#### **COMPENSATION**

This role is full-time. Salary and benefits are competitive.

#### **TO APPLY**

Please email a **resume and cover letter** that outline how your skills and experience meet the qualifications of the position. In your cover letter, please also indicate how you heard about this opportunity.

All materials should be sent to [careers@thefundchicago.org](mailto:careers@thefundchicago.org).

We regret that we will not be able to respond to phone inquiries about this position.

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