

Rice Kinder Scholars

The Kinder Institute accepts applications each academic year from Rice graduate students or post-doctoral fellows who conduct high quality research on Houston, or projects that are directly connected to the research programs of the institute. Two applicants will be selected each year and granted the Rice Kinder Scholar title. A Rice Kinder Scholar's tenure is *one year*.

Benefits

- A Rice Kinder Scholar will receive a fellowship of **\$2,000**. Scholars are expected to provide their own funding for research.
- With proper IRB protocol and approval from the Kinder Urban Data Platform's oversight committee, Rice Kinder Scholars will have access to data housed at the Kinder Urban Data Platform for their proposed research projects.
- In addition, Rice Kinder Scholars will receive regular invitations to all Kinder Institute sponsored events and lectures.

Expectations

- Rice Kinder Scholars are required to submit a research proposal that uses data housed on the Kinder Urban Data Platform. Rice Kinder Scholars are encouraged to collaborate with researchers at the Kinder Institute on the project.
- At the end of the tenure, Rice Kinder Scholars are required to submit a working paper on their research that could be published through Kinder Institute's regular publishing program; or data products from the work that could be published to the Kinder Urban Data Platform.
- Rice Kinder Scholars are also required to present their research at the Kinder Research Seminar.
- Rice Kinder Scholars are asked to cite the institute in publications and presentations resulting from time as an affiliate.
- During the appointment, Rice Kinder Scholars are welcome to participate in seminars hosted by the Kinder Institute, and are encouraged to submit blog posts on urban issues.



Application Procedure

Please complete the application form (<https://kinderinstitute.wufoo.com/forms/w1ypu77j0u5fznu/>) by **August 31st**. Applications will be reviewed by the Kinder Institute Management Committee. Candidates will be notified by **September 15th**. For questions, please contact Jie Wu at jjewu@rice.edu.

About the Kinder Institute

The Kinder Institute for Urban Research is a multidisciplinary think-and-do tank housed at Rice University in central Houston, focusing on urban issues in Houston, the American Sun Belt and around the world. Through informed research, data and policy analysis, the Kinder Institute hopes to engage civic and political leaders to implement solutions to critical urban issues, including education, governance, housing, mobility and transportation, resilience, and demographics.

In addition to core research programs, the Kinder Institute partners with affiliates on campus and off, including the Greater Houston Community Foundation's Understanding Houston project, Rice University's School of Architecture, the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, and the Severe Storm Prediction, Education, and Evacuation from Disasters Center. The Houston Education Research Consortium, which is part of the Kinder Institute, has 11 school district partnerships, including Alief, Cypress-Fairbanks, Friendswood, Houston, Katy and other ISDs. The Kinder Institute also develops partnerships with a wide variety of other universities and think tanks, such as the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program, the Urban Institute, the University of Texas School of Public Health, and the National Resource Network.

Created in 2010, the Kinder Institute was endowed with a \$15 million gift from Houston philanthropists Richard and Nancy Kinder.