Teaching Kitchen Collaborative (TKC) 2027 Research Fellowship

Term: 12 months
Dates: January/February - December 2027
Format: Primarily virtual, with select in-person engagements

Program Purpose
TKC's Research Fellowship is designed to cultivate emerging researchers and professionals who are committed to advancing the evidence base for teaching kitchen interventions. The program focuses on mentored research, scholarly writing, and active participation in TKC's research community. Fellows will:

- Contribute to peer-reviewed scholarship that expands the evidence base for teaching kitchens.
- Build methodological and analytic skills tailored to teaching kitchen research.
- Receive structured mentorship from experienced investigators in the TKC network.

Benefits & Learning Outcomes
By the end of the fellowship, the Fellow(s) will be able to:

- Explain the design, rationale, and implementation considerations for teaching kitchen research studies.
- Select and apply validated instruments and outcome measures commonly used in the field.
- Contribute to the development of at least one peer-reviewed manuscript and/or research-related resource that advances teaching kitchen research and supports the TKC member community.
- Engage with a national network of researchers and programs via TKC committees, working groups, and events.

Upon successful completion, the TKC will issue a formal certificate of recognition and offer a letter of reference, as appropriate.

Core Responsibilities

- Attend at least four (4) virtual TKC Research Committee meetings .
- Attend the TKC Symposium and/or Annual Members' Meeting, scheduled September 21-23 (Portland, OR) (travel support provided).
- Join at least one research working group focused on drafting a manuscript and/or research-related resource.
- Participate in scoring the TKC Paper of the Year.
- Meet regularly with the TKC Research Committee Co-Chairs to track progress, troubleshoot barriers, and plan next steps.

Eligibility

- Must be affiliated with an active TKC Organization Member in good standing. Eligible applicants may include students, trainees, faculty, staff, or other professionals affiliated with the member organization.
- Must demonstrate a strong interest in teaching kitchens and/or teaching kitchen research. Applicants from diverse disciplines and career stages are encouraged to apply. Prior research experience is encouraged but not required.
- Must be able to dedicate approximately 3–5 hours per month, on average, to fellowship activities and fulfill the core responsibilities outlined above.

Funding

- This is a voluntary, unpaid remote fellowship.
- TKC will provide travel support for the Fellow(s) to attend the 2027 TKC Symposium and/or Annual Members' Meeting, September 21–23, 2027, in Portland, OR, subject to available funding and applicable travel guidelines.
- TKC leadership and mentors donate their time to support the Fellow.

Application Instructions

- Deadline: December 18, 2026
- Submit by email to: info@teachingkitchens.org with subject line: FELLOWSHIP
- Required Materials:
    - Resume/Curriculum Vitae (please include the name of your affiliated TKC Organization Member and your current role or relationship with the organization).
    - Personal Statement (<500 words) describing your research interests, relevant experience, and how this fellowship will advance your goals.

Selection Process

- All applicants will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of their materials.
- Applications will be reviewed by TKC Staff and the TKC Research Committee Co-Chairs beginning in early January 2027.
- Selection will be based on demonstrated interest in teaching kitchen research, relevant experience, potential for professional growth, and alignment with TKC's research priorities and fellowship opportunities.
- Selected finalists may be invited for a short virtual interview to discuss their research interests and fit for the fellowship.
- Decisions will be communicated in January 2027, with the fellowship anticipated to begin in late January or early February.