ACE Fellows Program

Virtual Information Session
October 13, 2021
Poll Question

Which best describes you?

✓ I am applying or thinking about applying to be a Fellow.

✓ I have nominated or am considering nominating a colleague to participate as a Fellow.

✓ My institution is interested in hosting a Fellow.
Agenda

Introductions

Program overview (10 min)
- What are the goals of the program?
- Who should apply and why?
- What does the Fellowship year look like?
- What are the benefits for nominating and host institutions?

Expectations and outcomes (15-20 min)
- Role of the Sages
- Making the most of your Fellowship year
- Post-program impact and outcomes

How to Apply (10 min)
- Application process and timeline
- Fee structure
- Information for nominators and hosts

Please submit questions through the chat during the session

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Introductions

ACE Team:

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Nita Banks, Associate Director

Lisa Motley, Senior Program Manager

Panel Members:

Ronald L. Carter, Former President, Johnson C. Smith University and President & CEO, Carter & Associates, and ACE Fellows Program Sage

M. Valeriana Moeller, President Emeritus, Columbus State Community College (OH), and ACE Fellows Program Sage

Richard J. Helldobler, President, William Paterson University,
ACE Fellow 2005-06, Current Council of Fellows Chair, Program Mentor and Nominator

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The ACE Fellows program equips diverse higher education leaders with experience, knowledge, and skills to demonstrate agility throughout their careers, transform colleges and universities, and advance equity and inclusion in higher education.

**GROUP-CENTERED LEARNING**
- 4 full-cohort events/retreats (virtual and/or in-person)
- Case studies
- Topical webinars

**SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING**
- Fellowship project
- Learning contract

**FELLOWSHIP PLACEMENT**
- Academic year
- One semester (choice of fall or spring)
- Periodic visits

**ONGOING MENTORING**
- Host campus leaders
- ACE Sages
- Fellow Fellows
- ACE Fellows Program team
Who Should Apply?

Candidates who have a **demonstrated record of leadership** in an institution-wide context.

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Why become an ACE Fellow?

• Develop your knowledge of **shared equity leadership** and the ability to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion on your campus

• Strengthen your skills to **lead institutional transformation** efforts

• Learn the competencies to **advance student success**

• Deepen your understanding of the **higher education enterprise**

• Develop a **professional network** and learn how to leverage that network as a thought partner, expert, confidant, and mentor
What does the Fellowship Year Look Like?

- **ORIENTATION**
  - April 2022
  - Understanding yourself as a higher education leader

- **OPENING RETREAT**
  - June 2022
  - Strengthening your personal leadership knowledge and abilities

- **MID-YEAR RETREAT**
  - March 2023
  - Developing your leadership toolkit to enact institutional transformation

- **ACE ANNUAL MEETING/ALUMNI WEEKEND**
  - June 2022
  - Deepening your network of higher education leaders and gaining a national perspective of higher education issues

- **CLOSING RETREAT**
  - April 2023
  - Advancing the higher education imperative

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Advice from Our Panel

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<td>Application due to ACE</td>
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<td>Late November</td>
<td>Application evaluation process – conducted by alumni reviewers</td>
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<td>Early December</td>
<td>Candidates notified about their application status</td>
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<td>Late January</td>
<td>Virtual interviews with the Program team and higher education leaders</td>
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<td>Mid-February</td>
<td>Acceptance letters distributed to candidates</td>
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<td>Early to Mid-March</td>
<td>Official ACE press release announcing the new cohort</td>
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Fee Structure

An academic-year placement at another institution

If this option is selected, the host institution pays all fees ($16,000 Program Fee to ACE and a $10,000 minimum professional development budget made available to the Fellow)

A one-semester placement at another institution

The nominating and host institutions split the fees. (Each pays half ($8,000) of the Program Fee to ACE and allocates a $5,000 minimum professional development budget made available to the Fellow)

Flexible schedule of periodic visits to another institution

The home institution covers all fees ($16,000 Program Fee to ACE and a $10,000 minimum professional development budget made available to the Fellow)
Information for nominators and hosts

Nominating Institutions

• Identify an **important issue** that will be the focus of the Fellow's learning experience.

• Enhance the leadership and management skills of a faculty or staff member who returns to their nominating institution with **new ideas, perspectives, knowledge, and skills** in critical areas.

• **Develop campus leaders** who can implement special initiatives or critical projects and are better prepared to assume a variety of positions.

• Multiply your institution’s **networks for innovation and entrepreneurialism** and possible partnerships through participation of campus leaders in the Fellows Program

Host Institutions

• Host a seasoned higher education leader who can help you work on a **designated project** of institutional importance

• Advance **innovative and entrepreneurial projects**

• Deepen institutional **capacity-building** goals

• Multiply your institution’s **networks for innovation and entrepreneurialism** and possible partnerships through participation of campus leaders in the Fellows Program
Thank you for your participation today

Please email us at aceleadership@acenet.edu if you have additional questions.