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



Please submit questions through the chat during the session

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

Introductions

ACE Team:



Robin Matross Helms, Assistant Vice President for Programs and Global Initiatives



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

Program Overview

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.

CORE PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- 4 full-cohort events/retreats (virtual and/or inperson)
- Case studies
- Topical webinars

GROUP-CENTERED LEARNING

SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING

- Fellowship project
- Learning contract

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

FELLOWSHIP PLACEMENT

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.

Successful candidates have held positions such as:

Vice President	Department Chair
• Dean	Program Director
Student Affairs Officer	Admissions Director
Chief Financial Officer	Chief Diversity Officer
Chief of Staff	General Counsel

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?

June 2023

CLOSING RETREAT

Advancing the higher education imperative

June 2022

OPENING RETREAT

Strengthening your personal leadership knowledge and abilities

April 2022

ORIENTATION

Understanding yourself as a higher education leader

March 2023

ACE ANNUAL MEETING/ALUMNI WEEKEND

Deepening your network of higher education leaders and gaining a national perspective of higher education issues

January 2023

MID-YEAR RETREAT

Developing your leadership toolkit to enact institutional transformation

Advice from Our Panel



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Application Process and Initial Timeline

November 5

Application due to ACE

Late November

Application evaluation process – conducted by alumni reviewers

Early December

Candidates notified about their application status

Late January

Virtual interviews with the Program team and higher education leaders

Mid-February

Acceptance letters distributed to candidates

Early to Mid-March

Official ACE press release announcing the new cohort

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 <u>aceleadership@acenet.edu</u> if you have additional questions.

