

HOSTING AN ACE FELLOW

A Win-Win for Your Institution and the Higher Education Leadership Pipeline

Since 1965, nearly 2,000 vice presidents, deans, department chairs, faculty, and other emerging leaders have participated in the ACE Fellows Program, a customized learning experience that enables participants to immerse themselves in the study and practice of leadership and experience the culture, policies, and decision-making processes of another institution.

The ACE Fellows Program helps ensure that higher education's future leaders are ready to take on real-world challenges and serve the capacity-building needs of their institutions. The Program combines retreats, interactive learning opportunities, visits to campuses and other organizations, and mentoring to enhance the knowledge and skills of these talented higher education leaders.

A distinguishing feature of the ACE Fellows Program is an extended placement at another higher education institution. Fellows observe, work with, and are mentored by the president and other senior officers at their host institution as they lead their institutions. Host institutions will have the benefit of an experienced leader who can lend a fresh perspective and contribute their expertise to projects that address key institutional priorities or emerging challenges. And by hosting a Fellow, institutions are building a stronger pool of future leaders who have learned how to understand and respond to a rapidly changing environment.

We encourage every president to consider hosting a member of the **2021–22 class of ACE Fellows**, whether it would be your first or 10th time serving as a mentor president at a host institution. Please give a placement request serious consideration. If you are interested in hosting a Fellow this year, please contact Sherri Hughes (SHughes@acenet.edu) or Juanita Banks (JBanks@acenet.edu).

The 2021–22 ACE Fellows class:

- Comprises 50 Fellows from 22 states and Mexico, including several representatives from large state systems, two military service academies, and eight minority serving institutions
- Leads a variety of schools, departments, and programs, including law, public health, engineering, education, physics, equity, and student success

The benefits of hosting an ACE Fellow on your campus include:

- Energy, expertise, and fresh perspective for key projects and initiatives
- Collaboration, networking, and inspiration for your own emerging leaders
- Access to the best practices of 50 different institutions involved with this year's class, as well as to a network of over 2,000 alumni and Fellows Program subject matter experts