

ACE FELLOWS Program™

The Proven Path to Leadership

The ACE Fellows Program seeks to develop a robust pool of well-prepared leaders to lead colleges and universities into the future.

As the nation's premier higher education leadership development program, the ACE Fellows Program prepares emerging leaders to serve American colleges and universities.

Fellows come from all institutional function areas as well as from organizations and associations within the higher education community.

Multifaceted Agenda

The Fellows Program helps emerging leaders individualize their learning through a multifaceted agenda that combines learning in a formal curriculum with real-life, day-to-day experiences including placement at a host institution, mentoring, visits to campuses and higher education organizations, interactions with higher education leaders, participation in conferences and meetings, simulations and team-based case studies, personal feedback, and networking.

Mentoring and Experiential Learning

This academic year program is uniquely structured to allow Fellows to spend an extended period of time on another campus working with the president and senior leadership team.

Interactive Retreats

In addition, Fellows participate in three retreats designed to broaden and deepen the Fellows' knowledge of leadership, strategy, and the world of higher education.

- **Opening Retreat (August):** Provides a foundation of knowledge upon which Fellows build the placement and campus visit portions of their individualized learning experience.
- **Mid-Year Retreat (January):** Examines issues relating to leadership, diversity, and the change process, and provides connections between what Fellows are experiencing in their placements and their own leadership experiences.

- **Closing Retreat (June):** Ties together the threads of the Fellowship year through networking across the entire Fellows family, examination of higher education and its linkages to the world beyond campus, and consideration of the repositioning of Fellows in their careers and within their home campuses as leaders contributing to the advancement of higher education.

Individualized Learning

Working with the nominating and host institution mentors, ACE Fellows design an individualized Learning Contract that articulates their plans for the year. To enhance their learning about particular areas of interest and to broaden their perspectives, Fellows visit other campuses and higher education organizations. They attend the ACE Annual Meeting and other national meetings to gain exposure to critical issues, build relevant knowledge and skills, and develop networks.

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.

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Nominations and applications are due November 1.

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