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CONNECTING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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ABOUT ABFE

ABFE was established in 1971, by forward-thinking, Black foundation executives to promote effective and responsive philanthropy in Black communities. As the first official affinity group of the Council on Foundations, ABFE is the champion of diverse leadership in philanthropy. Progress is defined by a substantial increase in the number of Blacks as leaders and emerging leaders within the philanthropic field, as well as, new and more effective dollars targeted to priority issues in Black communities. Today, ABFE counts among its members some of the most influential staff, trustees, and donors of grantmaking organizations who are intimately involved in shaping the focus, decision-making, and response of foundations toward Black communities. For more information please visit **ABFE.org** or contact ABFE at 646.230.0306.

A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities

THE EXPERIENCE

“The coaching. The one-on-one coaching. I can’t speak enough about how invaluable that is, and even going through other leadership development programs since the ABFE Fellowship that didn’t have that component? ABFE really has a jewel in including that.” -- CLFP Alumni



“Philanthropy -- is actually based on relationships, and relationships are about information, but they’re also about capital, right? The ABFE Fellowship [allows] the relationships that I’ve gained to [add] value or capital to [my employer.]” – CLFP Alumni



WHY CLFP?

The Connecting Leaders Fellowship Program (CLFP) is a year-long experience designed to sharpen the skills and strengthen the leadership capacity of foundation staff, donors, and trustees who are committed to assisting Black communities through philanthropy. CLFP is one of ABFE's strategies to retain Black professionals in the field and to diversify its leadership. The program was created in 2004 to identify high potential, mid-career professionals in philanthropy; to provide these individuals with the professional and leadership development necessary to advance their careers; and to strengthen their network and support system in order to retain them in the field of philanthropy.

As the program has evolved to support Black professionals in the field at any stage in their career, the Fellowship has been designed to address two key realities of the field of philanthropy: (1) leadership is equal parts knowledge of complex social issues, strong interpersonal skills, and a deep understanding of how the sector works; and (2) the retention of talented Black executives is predicated on strengthening their influence in creating more effective and responsive philanthropic strategies that not only broadly address key social, cultural or environmental issues, but also connect to Black communities and decreasing their isolation in the field. We see the program as an opportunity to mitigate the challenges expressed by Black professionals in our Exit Interview report.

Participants engage in the following three components during the ten-month program:

Leadership Summit is a week-long, place-based learning experience that enables the Fellows to examine complex social issues and their impact on a community.

Executive Coaching includes a rigorous 360° assessment and 10 hours of individual coaching.

Monthly Distance Learning focuses on the inner workings of philanthropy, such as boards & trustees, finances, strategic planning and collaborations within philanthropy and with other sectors (academia, the public sector, social sector).

Why Support CLFP?

CLFP has evolved into the premiere professional development program for the retention and growth of leadership of Black professionals in philanthropy. Supporting this signature program provides:

- ⇒ Visibility as an organization that values and supports diverse leadership and inclusive practices in philanthropy;
- ⇒ A forum for showcasing your organization's expertise and thought leadership;
- ⇒ Opportunities for deepening relationships with leaders in the field.

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INVESTMENT BENEFITS

Benefits	Gold \$15,000	Silver \$10,000	Bronze \$5,000	Supporter \$2,500
Marketing & Advertising Benefits				
Name & Logo on print materials at the CLFP Leadership Summit	X	X	Name only	Name only
Name & Logo in ABFE e-Newsletter	X	X	Name only	Name only
Name & Logo on Fellowship page of 2017 ABFE Annual Conference program	X	X	Name only	Name only
Featured interview in quarterly publication <i>ABFE Magazine</i>	X	X		
Leadership Summit Benefits				
Session presenter and opportunity to make remarks during group meetings	X	X		
Invitation(s) to all CLFP networking events	5	3	2	1
Co-design CLFP follow-up training webinar on relevant topic	X			

** We are happy to customize sponsorship options, including multi-year support.*

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