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CONNECTING LEADERS
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

A PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIP FOR BLACK COMMUNITIES

2017-2018 CONNECTING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP CLASS APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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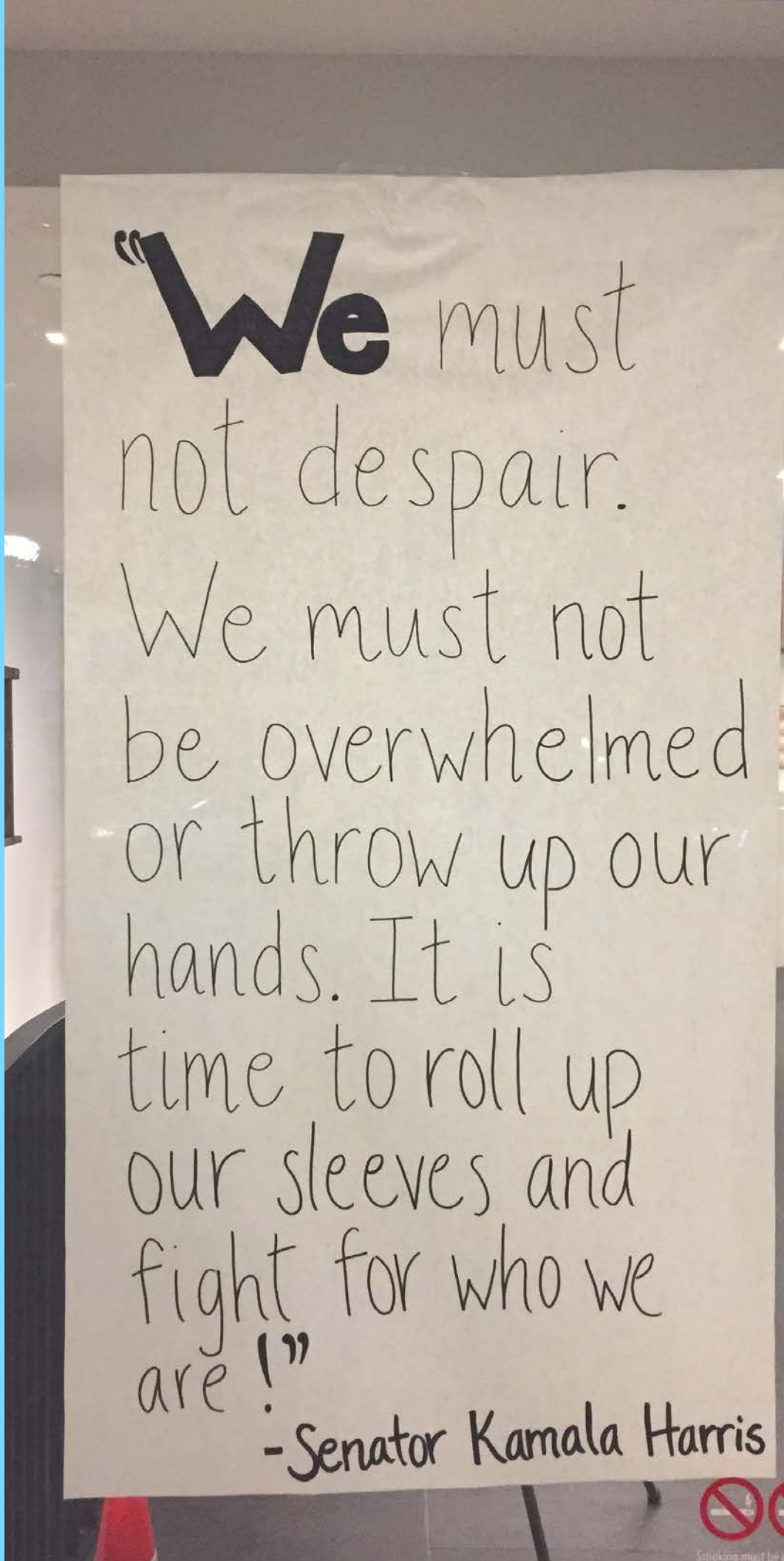
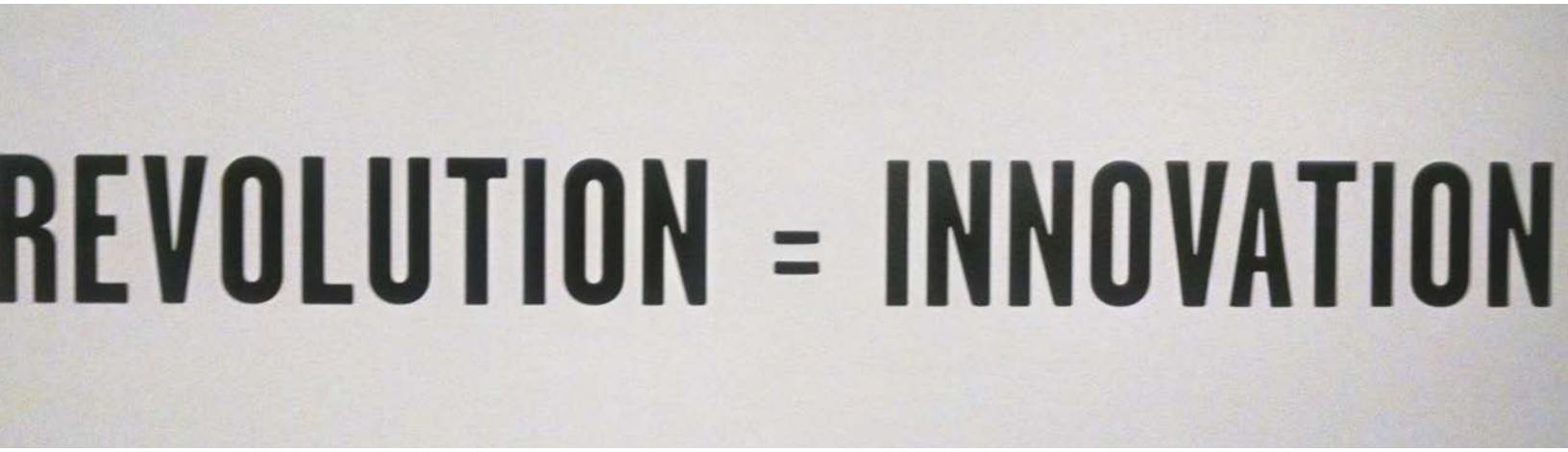


ABFE was established in 1971, by forward-thinking, Black foundation executives to promote effective and responsive philanthropy in Black communities. As the first official affinity group of the Council on Foundations, ABFE is the champion of diverse leadership in philanthropy. Progress is defined by 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.



OVERVIEW

The ABFE Connecting Leaders Fellowship 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. Fellows have the opportunity to learn from seasoned grantmakers and peers on a regular basis, understand how to be more effective agents for change within their institutions, and participate in a network that focuses on innovative solutions to community challenges. Fellows attend a week-long Leadership Summit and are assigned an executive coach. In addition, each fellow is required to complete a community-based learning project during the fellowship year. This can be volunteer work or a research project on a topic of interest. Please note that fellows will be based at their home institutions and in their communities during the fellowship year.

We will host a information and Q&A webinar for anyone interested in applying to fellowship on May 3, 2017 at 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM EST.

You may register for the webinar, here.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

The Fellowship is open to anyone that fits the following profile:

- 2+ years of demonstrated experience as a grantmaker, trustee, or donor in organized philanthropy.
- A deep-rooted commitment to assisting Black communities through philanthropy.
- Ability to attend the ABFE Leadership Summit that will be held November 6-10, 2017 in Kansas City, KS. Participation in the Summit is MANDATORY. ABFE covers the costs associated with travel, lodging at the designated host hotel, and group meals.
- An active ABFE Membership is not a pre-requisite to apply to the Fellowship, however, all Connecting Leaders Fellows must be current members of ABFE at the time the Fellowship starts. For information about membership, visit us online at ABFE.org.

Application Submission Deadline:

Friday, June 9, 2017

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THE EXPERIENCE

Time Commitment

Participants in the Connecting Leaders Fellowship Program can expect the following time commitment:

- The Leadership Summit is a week-long commitment with full days lasting through dinner. Breaks are scheduled to allow for email check-ins, however, participants should anticipate being busy for the entire week.
- There will be a 90-minute, monthly conference call/webinar for the cohort (see anticipated dates below).
- All calls/webinars will be held at 3:30 PM ET (approximately a 90-minute duration).
- Participants in the Fellowship receive 10 hours of Executive Coaching, usually by phone/skype. These appointments are made directly between the Fellow and the Coach at their convenience.
- Participants in the Fellowship should expect to spend an additional 3 or 4 hours a month preparing for coaching sessions or working on their Community Based Learning Project.
- Fellows are encouraged to attend the ABFE Annual Conference. Please note, the Connecting Leaders Fellowship Program does not provide for Annual Conference expenses, hotel or airfare.

Tentative Monthly Webinar Dates

In order to help you plan, we have set aside the following tentative dates for Fellowship conference calls/webinars (webcam used). All calls will be held at 3:30 PM ET.

- Wednesday, September 14,2017
  Welcome to CLFP; Intro to 360 Process & Executive Coaching
  Wednesday, October 11, 2017
  Introduction to the Summit Host City
  Wednesday, November 15, 2017
  Wednesday, December 13, 2017
  Wednesday, January 17, 2018
  Wednesday, February 21, 2018
  Wednesday, March 21, 2018
  Wednesday, April 18, 2018
  Wednesday, May 16, 2018
  Wednesday, June 13, 2018

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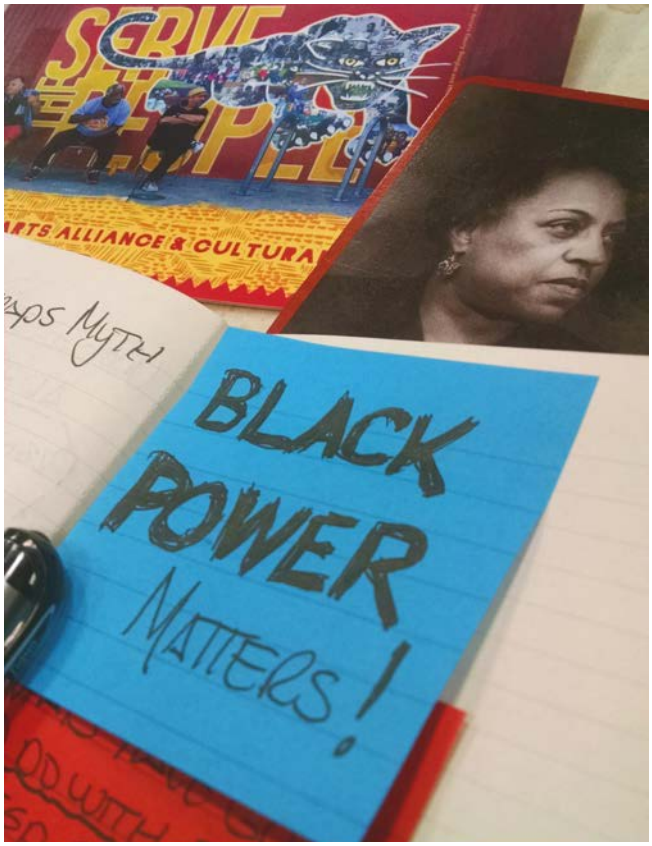
PROGRAM DETAILS



The Connecting Leaders Fellowship is an outstanding professional development opportunity, which includes access to invaluable resources and supports. CLFP offers fellows: one-on-one Executive Coaching; rigorous scientifically-based assessments 360-degree evaluation; the week-long Leadership Summit (including airfare, hotel, meals, ground transportation, and learning experiences; and monthly facilitated cohort calls.

The cost of the Fellowship to Fellows is $1,500.00, to be paid upon acceptance to the program. Requests for payment plans and limited financial aid will be considered.

The application consists of six (6) essay questions, one letter of accommodation to be uploaded, and an uploaded copy of your resume. You can download a sample application and find additional information about the letter of recommendation on the ABFE website, ABFE.org.

For questions about the Fellowship, please contact Edward Jones, Director of Programs at ejones@abfe.org.

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CLFP Class of 2016-17 and Friends

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

INFORMATION AND Q&A WEBINAR
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM EST

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Friday, June 9, 2017 (Due by 12:59 pm EST)

APPLICANT NOTIFICATION:
Friday, August 18, 2017

ABFE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:
November 6 - 10, 2017, Kansas City, KS

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