



ABFE

A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities

2018-2019 CONNECTING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018

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 Tekecha Morgan, program associate for ABFE, at tmorgan@abfe.org.

OVERVIEW

The ABFE 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. 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 an 'Information and Q&A webinar' for anyone interested in applying to fellowship on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 2:00 PM ET. To register for the webinar, click [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 11-16, 2018 in Chicago, IL. 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 prerequisite to apply to the Fellowship, however, all Connecting Leaders Fellows must be current members of ABFE at the time the Fellowship program begins. For information about membership, contact Evelyn Rivera, director of membership and special events for ABFE, at erivera@abfe.org.

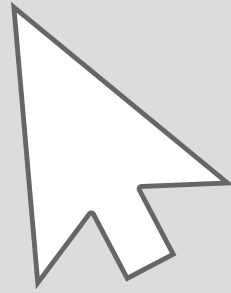
TIME COMMITMENT



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 3:00 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.

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TENTATIVE MONTHLY WEBINAR DATES

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 3:00 PM ET.**

- **Wednesday, September 12, 2018:**
Welcome to CLFP; Intro to 360° Process and Executive Coaching
- **Wednesday, October 10, 2018:**
Introduction to the Summit Host City
- **Wednesday, November 14, 2018**
- **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**
- **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**
- **Wednesday, February 20, 2019**
- **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**
- **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**
- **Wednesday, May 15, 2019**
- **Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

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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° 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 five (5) 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 Tekecha Morgan, program associate, at tmorgan@abfe.org.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **INFORMATION AND Q&A WEBINAR:**
→ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018 at 2:00 PM ET**
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
→ **FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018* (*Due by 12:59 PM ET)**
- **APPLICANT NOTIFICATION:**
→ **FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018**
- **ABFE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:**
→ **NOVEMBER 11 - 16, 2018 in Chicago, IL**

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