

HOSTING AN ACE FELLOW

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

Since 1965, the ACE Fellows Program has provided a unique opportunity to more than 2,000 individuals, including vice presidents, deans, department chairs, faculty, and other emerging leaders. The Fellows Program plays a crucial role in preparing the next generation of executive leaders in higher education to address the real-world challenges facing academic institutions by providing a customized leadership development experience, insights into senior-level decision-making, and a greater understanding of institutional culture and policies.

By offering a comprehensive blend of retreats, interactive learning sessions, campus visits, engagement with policymakers on Capitol Hill, and mentorship opportunities, the Program equips participants with the necessary knowledge, skills, and networks to serve the capacity-building needs of higher education.

A distinguishing feature of the Fellows Program is a specified placement period at another higher education institution. Fellows have a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the leadership dynamics of a different institution, which enables them to observe, work with, and be mentored by its president and other senior officers. Additionally, Fellows contribute expertise and insights to special projects at their host institutions that address key institutional priorities or emerging challenges. This exchange of knowledge and perspectives benefits both Fellows and their host institutions by fostering a collaborative environment in which innovative ideas can flourish.

We encourage every president to consider hosting a member of the **2024–25 class of Fellows**. Please give a placement request serious consideration. If you are interested in hosting a Fellow this year, please contact Juanita Banks (jbanks@acenet.edu).

The 2024–25 ACE Fellows class:

- Reflects a wide array of geographies and institutional missions and includes several Fellows who have international backgrounds
- Serves a variety of institution types, with 70 percent of the cohort from public institutions and 30 percent from private institutions
- Leads a variety of schools, departments, and institutional functions, including law, engineering, enrollment management, academic affairs, and student affairs

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

- Welcoming a thought partner who has experience, knowledge, expertise, and fresh perspective to key projects and initiatives on your campus—the diverse backgrounds and expertise of Fellows can invigorate existing projects and provide innovative solutions to challenges
- Engaging a new colleague who can serve as a role model and source of inspiration for emerging leaders on your campus—their experiences and accomplishments can motivate aspiring leaders to pursue higher education leadership roles and contribute to the advancement of the field
- Gaining a network of Fellows institutions and over 2,500 alumni and subject matter experts—this access provides opportunities for your campus community to learn from others' experiences and promising practices, implement successful strategies within your own institutional context, engage with valuable resources, and seek support for your institution's initiatives and goals