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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
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RE: Application for Washington State Fellows' Network (3-Year Program)

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) are excited to announce the application for the 2020–21 Washington State Fellows' Network opened on May 12. This program is a statewide professional learning and leadership development program for early learning (P–3), English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science.

Districts should encourage teachers and other educational leaders, early learning providers, or instructional coaches to apply from:

- English language arts, mathematics, science, and early learning (P–3).
- Special education to join mathematics, ELA, or early learning Fellows. (Teams of special education and general education teachers from a single district or school are encouraged.)
- Career and technical education to join mathematics or science Fellows.
- Schools receiving comprehensive or targeted supports under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to support the development and inclusion of teacher leaders in school improvement activities.

The Fellows' Network is a group of instructional leaders convened by OSPI and AESD to support district and community implementation of state learning standards in ELA, mathematics, and science, and the Early Learning Guidelines. Common to all four areas is a commitment to build content learning and instructional leadership, with a focus on equity and the elimination of opportunity gaps. Regional ESD coordinators, in collaboration with OSPI content-area leadership, convene the Fellows four times per year to engage in shared professional learning. New Fellows participate in an orientation meeting, as well.

Traditionally, the Fellows' meetings have been face-to-face convenings; adjustments will be made to convene meetings virtually if needed to comply with state directives during the 2020–21 school year. OSPI will offer free clock hours to new and returning Fellows for participation in the professional learning convenings and orientation.

The three-year program allows for deeper and expanded learning in the topics of leadership, content area knowledge, adult learning, change management, equity, use of data and analytics, and student growth. Prospective applicants who can commit to only one year may still apply; all applicants are encouraged to consider a multi-year commitment to gain the full benefits of the program.

After completing the three-year program, Fellows may continue to develop their leadership and expertise by becoming Emeritus Fellows. Fellows who elect to become Emeritus Fellows should complete the Emeritus Fellows' Interest Survey annually.

Links to the application for new and returning Fellows and the interest survey for Emeritus Fellows are posted at www.k12.wa.us/educator-support/educator-leadership/washington-state-fellows-network. Application materials must be submitted via the online application and will be accepted until September 15. Notification of acceptance into the 2020–21 Washington State Fellows' Network will begin in early August.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Kim Hoss, Program Specialist, at 360-725-4465 or email kim.hoss@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

If you have questions about the Fellows' Network or the application process, please contact your regional ESD [Early Learning](#), [English Language Arts](#), [Mathematics](#), or [Science](#) coordinator.

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