

2023 ASTC New Leaders Fellowship Program

APPLICANT AND INSTITUTION STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

The ASTC New Leaders Fellowship Program offers skill-based leadership development opportunities to science center and museum professionals from historically underrepresented or marginalized backgrounds who aim to move into leadership roles in their career. By centering diversity, accessibility, inclusion, and equity (DAIE) within the curriculum, the program gives future science center and museum leaders the tools to create immediate impacts in their day-to-day work.

The New Leaders Fellowship Program also helps grow the diversity and skills of our members' workforce and leadership pipeline, contributing to future innovations and growth. The program supports an ever-expanding network of highly skilled leaders in the field.

I understand that the selection of this applicant as a 2023 ASTC New Leaders Fellow will require institutional support to ensure their full participation in the fellowship program.

If selected, the applicant and their supporting institution will make the necessary work schedule and workload adjustments ensure participation in the following program components:

- A two-hour introductory virtual meeting in September 2023
- In-person fellowship activities October 6-10, 2023 in Charlotte, North Carolina, United States
 - Friday, October 6: Full-day workshop beginning at 10:00 a.m. ET
 - Saturday, October 7 through Tuesday, October 10: Participate in ASTC 2023 Annual Conference activities, including plenary events, concurrent sessions, and evening receptions, as well as additional fellowship activities
- Virtual, two-hour monthly workshops from November 2023 through May 2024
- Approximately one to two hours per month for individual work between workshops

As a benefit of ASTC membership, ASTC will provide:

- Approximately 20 hours of leadership and management professional development (programs of similar duration cost \$5,000-10,000), as well as special access to leadership networking opportunities during the ASTC Annual Conference
- Complimentary conference registration for the ASTC Annual Conference (2023 rate = \$630), at which Fellows take part in an additional 14 hours of professional learning through concurrent sessions and plenaries
- Coverage for costs related to travel to and from Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as lodging and meals (estimated at \$1,300)

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Institution Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Applicant Title: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Supervisor Title: _____

Chief Executive Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____