

THE ASPEN NEW PRESIDENTS FELLOWSHIP

The Aspen New Presidents Fellowship is a multifaceted nine-month program to help community college presidents in the early years of their tenure accelerate transformational change on behalf of students. The class of 25 exceptional leaders will join a cadre of like-minded Aspen Presidential Fellows across the country making a significant difference for students and communities.

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APPLICATION
DEADLINE:
APRIL 1, 2021

The New Presidents Fellowship is an essential element of the Aspen Institute's commitment to community college leadership development.

Since 2016, the Aspen Presidential Fellowship has prepared leaders who aspire to college presidencies to move institutions to higher levels of student success. This fellowship is designed specifically for sitting presidents—Aspen will provide the data and content for them to advance systemic improvements in real time.

Each year, Aspen selects 25 leaders in the first five years of a college presidency for this intensive nine-month executive leadership program. These presidents will:

- Attend two seminars—four days in late January 2022 and three days in June 2022—led by Aspen Institute faculty and top community college professionals. Each session includes presentations from and interviews with transformational leaders and extensive time working in small groups.
- Deeply analyze their colleges' student outcomes across multiple domains in a focused, comprehensive way.
- Devise concrete plans to tackle student success challenges at their colleges, with structured support from the Aspen Institute and faculty advisors.
- Join a network of forward-thinking peers who support and challenge one another in pursuit of broad change.
- Engage in learning between sessions that includes peer consultancy, webinars, and mentorship.



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**PARTICIPANTS WILL
EXPLORE TWO
BROAD THEMES:**

1 LEADING FOR EQUITABLE STUDENT SUCCESS

Defining and assessing student outcomes in multiple domains: learning, completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce development, and equity in access and success.

2 BUILDING INSTITUTIONAL CULTURE AND CAPACITY TO SUPPORT TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

Honing a vision and transforming institutional culture through finance, human resources, the development of a senior team, and data use.

Ideal candidates are motivated by the potential of community colleges to advance the lives of students and to grow the health and vitality of communities. They aspire to be transformational presidents—those who will lead their institutions to achieve significant improvements in student outcomes and greater equity in educational access and success. They are strategic innovators who are willing to take risks.

The Aspen Institute is committed to developing talented leaders who reflect the diversity of the students and communities that community colleges serve. We strongly encourage applicants from all races, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, nationalities, religions and physical abilities.



WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW PRESIDENTS FELLOWSHIP?

Presidents must commit to attending and being fully engaged in the two seminars—a four-day session in late January 2022 and a three-day session in June 2022. They also must engage in activities before each session designed to improve their understanding of their institution and explore quantitative and qualitative information about student success challenges. Other opportunities, such as webinars and one-day Aspen Institute topical seminars, are optional.

Applicants must attest on the application that the chair of their institution's board of trustees supports their participation.

HOW IS THIS PROGRAM DIFFERENT FROM THE ASPEN RISING PRESIDENTS FELLOWSHIP?

The New Presidents Fellowship serves sitting presidents, while the Rising Presidents Fellowship serves aspiring presidents. While some content overlaps, the New Presidents Fellowship is designed specifically to provide presidents actionable guidance to plan and execute transformational change in real time at the institutions they lead.

HOW DOES THE NEW PRESIDENTS INSTITUTE DIFFER FROM OTHER PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS?

This program is entirely focused on helping presidents advance student outcomes in completion, learning, transfer, employment, and equity for low-income students and students of color. Other leadership programs include some focus on student success, but none shares the singular focus of the Aspen Presidential Fellowship. As well, leaders who participate will be connected to a network of Aspen-affiliated leaders who receive ongoing development and support.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

The application requires short essays and a resume. The application deadline is April 1, 2021. Finalists will be interviewed by video call in July 2021.

Aspen also strongly encourages nominations of exceptional leaders who are well-positioned to benefit from the fellowship.

Forms to apply or nominate candidates online are available at www.highered.aspeninstitute.org/newpresidents.

To learn more, visit highered.aspeninstitute.org/newpresidents or contact us at newpresidents@aspeninstitute.org.

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