# **Accelerating Innovation**

in Education

A UNIQUE FELLOWSHIP FOR SCHOOL LEADERS



## What is the Accelerating Innovation in Education Fellowship?

The fellowship is a one-year program aimed at fostering a culture of innovation and experimentation in K-12 education. As a small cohort of diverse individuals, fellows delve into the foundational building blocks of an innovative school culture and explore how to utilize these elements to create a school environment that embraces continuous improvement and challenges conventional approaches. Led by faculty and staff from Horn Entrepreneurship at the University of Delaware, fellows will develop and implement innovative initiatives within their schools during the year while continuing to gain insights and inspiration from the diverse perspectives of others in the group engaged in the similar efforts.

### Who qualifies for the fellowship?

The program was designed to serve innovative thinkers who are interested in unleashing the creative potential of their school communities and maximizing their velocity of improvement. Fellows will be selected among leaders who: (1) are serving comprehensive public, charter, or independent schools AND (2) are in a position to have a significant influence on the culture of at least one K-12 school. Most fellows will have titles such a Principal, Director of Schools, Head of School, President or Dean.

## Key features & benefits:

- o Immersive learning journey emphasizing reflection and real-world application
- o Project funding available to support innovative pilot initiatives within schools
- o Network of innovative leaders committed to reshaping education for the better
- o Follow-on opportunities for full school teams

# How to apply: Visit <u>hornentr.com/AIEfellowship24</u> to apply.

"This has been one of the most insightful learning opportunities – pushing me to not only think differently but also lead in ways that bring innovation and creativity to the forefront." -Dr. Reginald Johnson, President, Charter School of Wilmington



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#### **Program Details:**

#### Cost

- o \$950
- o Includes all program materials and in-person meals
- o Can be paid by the individual, their employer, or a sponsor
- o Discounts available for Horn school partners

#### Timeline

- o April: Accepted Fellows Announced
- o Summer: In-Person Session
  - o June 26 27: Summer Session Option 1 | Wilmington, DE
  - o July 10 11: Summer Session Option 2 | New York City, NY
  - Fellows will indicate their preferred date and location for the summer session at the time of their application
- o October May: Quarterly Virtual Check-in Calls

#### Time Commitment

- o April May: Two hours of pre-work
- o June July: Two full days of summer session
- o October May: Two-hour check-in call per quarter

## Questions?

Visit udel.edu/horn to learn more or email feliciah@udel.edu.



"This has helped me to reframe core struggles in education as opportunities. I left feeling invigorated to tackle challenges that have confounded me prior to my time with Horn." -Ms. Katie Eissler-Thiel, Principal, Archmere Academy

