



2023-24 PRINCIPAL FELLOWSHIP

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Arts for Learning Principal Fellowship is a game changer for Baltimore City and Prince George's County principals! This is your opportunity to find your tribe and uncover the wealth of arts resources in your community to transform learning in your school.

It includes three sessions in the summer, an overnight retreat at the Pearlstone, meetings for wellness + sharing + resources in January and March, time with mentors on your own, and a very special celebration in May. Principals will....

CONNECT with a community of fellow principals who share your values, priorities, interests, and needs.

EXPERIENCE wellness and self-care so you can better look after yourself and others.

UNDERSTAND how the arts can be an agent for social change + school improvement.

DEVELOP your abolitionist leadership skills so you can work towards creating a school grounded in justice, love, joy, and anti-racism.

PARTNER with a highly qualified mentor for 1:1 coaching, guidance, and support.

ACCESS paid professional development opportunities for your teachers and free summer learning opportunities for your students.

DISCOVER the valuable arts and arts integration resources of local cultural institutions.

HEAR from other principals who have found ways to address administrative barriers to expanding the arts in school, such as staffing, professional development, creating time to plan, and evaluation.

CREATE a flexible plan that utilizes the arts as a leverage for positive school change.

RECEIVE a \$500 honorarium and up to \$2,000 in funding to support leveraging the arts for school improvement.

"One of the most vital ways that we sustain ourselves is by building communities of resistance, places where we know we are not alone."

*bell hooks,
Teaching to Transgress*



We are seeking to engage 14 outstanding principals from Baltimore City and Prince Georges County.



APPLICATIONS DUE TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

Learn more and apply: artsforlearningmd.org/principal-fellowship

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There is a whole community of us in this together.



DATES

TUES, JUL 18 Welcome Dinner 5:30 PM–8:15 PM at Arts for Learning

A warm welcome for and celebration of selected Fellows! The evening will include an outdoor crab feast, an orientation to the program, time to consider the importance of belonging and creativity in our classrooms and communities, and artmaking!

WED, JUL 19 Visit A4L's Nationally Awarded Summer Arts for Learning Academies (SALA BALTIMORE or SALA DC) 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Spend a day at the Summer Arts for Learning Academy—DC or Baltimore—observing arts-integrated and arts exploration classes. Learn about SALA and how Arts for Learning prepares and supports teachers and artists. Over lunch, engage in a group discussion with artists and teachers who work in the program. Finish the day by debriefing and considering what this could mean for your school community.

THURS, JUL 20 Visit two of Baltimore's OR PG County's Arts and Cultural Organizations 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Visit two Baltimore-based OR PG/DC-based cultural arts organizations to engage with education departments and learn how the institutions can support schools with arts-based or arts-integrated learning. After visits, have time to unpack those institutions and resources through an anti-racist, pro-Black lens.

**FRI, OCT 13 (6:00 PM)–
SUN, OCT 15 (1:00 PM)**
Principals Retreat at the
Pearlstone Retreat Center

Join in community Saturday and Sunday at the Pearlstone Retreat Center where we will dive into abolitionist teaching and leadership, hear from principals about how they have leveraged the arts for positive change in their school communities, meet and connect with your mentor, start dreaming up your own plan for leveraging the arts for positive school change, and engage in self care moments throughout the weekend, as self care is a critical component of being an abolitionist leader.

Please note: this retreat includes a Friday and Saturday overnight.

MID-OCT–LATE JAN
ON YOUR OWN

Meet with your Mentor to continue mapping out your Strategic Arts Plan/ considering how to leverage the arts in your school. Visit an Arts-Integrated School in your District to learn from a leader about how they make the magic.

SAT, JAN 27 Wellness + Sharing
+ Resources + Inspiration
10:45 AM–3:00 PM

We will begin with grounding and wellness, engage in a tour + info about the organization hosting the session, get feedback on our strategic arts planning, share and gather arts resources, check in our abolitionist

leadership efforts, and part with the art. Brunch and mimosas included!

FEB–MID-MAR
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MAY DATE TBD Evaluation and
Celebration 5:30-10:00

Reflect, evaluate, and attend a cultural event together to celebrate our growth and learning!

AND... OPTIONAL

Virtual Book Clubs and a visit to an arts-integrated school in your district on your time!

"This program has encouraged, enlightened, and prepared me to integrate the arts; and it felt like therapy I needed. I pushed myself to attend sessions and at the end of each session, I left in a better state than I came. THANK YOU."

Principal Fellow,
2021-22 Cohort

