

Apply for the Excellence in Authorizing Fellowship online.

The Excellence in Authorizing Fellowship was developed to build the individual and collective capacities of school systems in Louisiana to authorize using best practices. In conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Education, The [National Association of Charter School Authorizers \(NACSA\)](#) will provide fellows with resources, professional development, and collaboration opportunities targeting charter school authorizing. Throughout the year-long fellowship, fellows will attend a series of hybrid courses aimed to enhance the expertise of local authorizers and introduce national best practices in charter school authorizing. Fellows who complete the targeted professional development will be recognized during the June BESE Meeting. The second cohort will run in 2023-2024.

The 2022-2023 Excellence in Authorizing Fellowship Guide describes:

- Tentative Schedule
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Application

The Online Application will be accepted between January 6 and January 20.

Completed applications should be emailed to schoolchoice@la.gov.

Excellence in Authorizing Fellowship: Schedule*

Session	Date	Timing	Location
In-person 1, One-Day	February 10, 2023	8 hours	Claiborne Building
Module #1	Fellow completes on their own by 2/24/2023	about 2 hours	Asynchronous
Virtual Live Lesson #1	March 3, 2023	about 1.5 hours	Virtual
Virtual Live Lesson #2	March 10, 2023	about 1.5 hours	Virtual
Module #2	Fellow completes on their own by 3/24/2023	about 2 hours	Asynchronous
Virtual Live Lesson #3	March 31, 2023	about 1.5 hours	Virtual
Module #3	Fellow completes on their own by 4/14/2023	about 2 hours	Asynchronous
Module #4	Fellow completes on their own by 4/14/2023	about 2 hours	Asynchronous
Virtual Live Lesson #4	April 21, 2023	about 1.5 hours	Virtual
In-person 2, One-Day	May 5, 2023	8 hours	Claiborne Building
Recognition of completing fellows	June BESE Meeting	details to follow	Claiborne Building

*All dates are subject to change

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Excellence in Authorizing Fellowship?

Using ESSER I and ESSER II Funds, the Louisiana Department of Education, in conjunction with the [National Association of Charter School Authorizers \(NACSA\)](#), will provide resources, professional development, and collaboration opportunities to promote best practices in authorizing to fellows from local education systems throughout the year-long fellowship.

How do I benefit from being a fellow?

This hybrid fellowship was designed to strengthen the State's charter school sector by advancing the authorizing profession and building a cohort of authorizing leaders. Authorizers decide who can start a new charter school, set academic and operational expectations, and oversee school performance. They also decide whether a charter should remain open or close at the end of its contract.

Who can participate?

The Department will select up to 10 fellows who currently serve as district personnel, an Assistant Superintendent, or Superintendent to grow their knowledge of the charter authorization process.

How are fellows selected?

Interested fellows will participate in a competitive selection process. The first round will include an application and approval from your immediate supervisor. The second round will include a Zoom interview with the selection committee.

Will there be another cohort of fellows in the future?

Cohort One will run from February 2023 to June 2023. Cohort Two will run from August 2023 to June 2024. Cohort Three will run from August 2024 to June 2025.

What is the time commitment to participate in the Excellence in Authorizing Fellowship?

Monthly cycles of learning includes two in-person day long training sessions, four asynchronous modules, and four virtual synchronous sessions. All day-long sessions will take place in Baton Rouge.

How can I learn more about the Excellence in Authorizing Fellowship?

Please email schoolchoice@la.gov with questions.

Application

Name:	Cell phone number:	
Email address:		
School System:		
Role in the School System:		
How many years have you been in this role?		
How many years have you worked in education?		
List your educational leader certification.		
Why are you interested in being a part of the Excellence in Authorizing Fellowship?		
Describe the importance of expanding your knowledge of charter authorization.		
What are two areas where you would value support as a charter authorizer?		
I, _____, have the support from my immediate supervisor or Superintendent to fully attend and engage in all aspects of the fellowship.		
_____ Applicant Name	_____ Applicant Signature	_____ Date
_____ Supervisor Name	_____ Supervisor Signature	_____ Date

Selection Rubric

Criteria for Applicant	Application	Interview	Notes
Applicant demonstrates commitment and has support to participate in all aspects of the fellowship.	___/10	___/10	
Applicant is committed to expanding his/her knowledge of the charter authorization process.	___/20	___/20	
Applicant would benefit from and is ready to attend the professional development.	___/20	___/20	
Total	___/50	___/50	