



Special Education Leader Fellowship Mentor-Coach Overview

What is the Special Education Leader Fellowship?

The Special Education Leader Fellowship is a year-long, comprehensive development program for novice special education leaders across the state. The fellowship will provide in-person training, coaching, and a community of practice that will instill the knowledge and skills the next generation of leaders need to lead and sustain change to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

What is the role of a mentor-coach in the fellowship?

The mentor-coach will play a key role in developing Fellows over the course of the academy. Mentor-coaches will build a strong relationship with their Fellows, provide expert guidance and feedback on the Fellows' executive learning project, deliver resources and coaching to Fellows based on their development, and facilitate self-reflection and growth.

What is the commitment?

Mentor-coaches will commit to support the Fellowship from May 2020 - June 2021 by:

- attending a training and feedback session at the Teacher Leader Summit on May 29 in New Orleans,
- supporting the 10 day-long in-person Fellowship sessions*,
- participating in a preview meeting before each day-long in-person session,
- providing direct coaching and support to a small group of Fellows through the executive learning project, and
- supporting bimonthly online sessions, as needed.

*All sessions will be held in Baton Rouge. Preliminary dates: July 28, July 29, September 9, September 10, November 17, January 12, March 16, May 11, June 15, and June 16.

What mentor-coach attributes is the Department seeking to support the fellowship?

The Department will recruit mentor-coaches with extensive special education experience as Special Education Leaders (administrators). Mentor-coaches should be able to demonstrate strong interpersonal relationship building skills, a track record of effective leadership, an understanding of Louisiana's academic strategy, and a strong willingness to support the Fellowship.

Is the role compensated?

Yes, mentor-coaches will receive a stipend to support their contributions to the Special Education Leader Fellowship.

How do I apply?

Interested mentor-coaches should complete the [interest survey](#) by **March 13, 2020**. Phone interviews will take place in the following weeks.

Additional questions?



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Contact Kristi-Jo Preston at kristijo.preston@la.gov with additional questions.