

Rising Higher Education Leaders Fellowship

EAB Global Research Partners are invited to nominate two individuals annually to participate in the Rising Higher Education Fellowship. This nine-month, cohort-based experience aims to build community, develop a depth of expertise in the topics and issues that matter most to institutional strategy, and provide focused professional skills development from EAB industry experts. Each fellow completes a capstone project on a topic of interest to their home institutions with the support of EAB resources, advancing a key institutional priority while building a network and community of practice.

Benefits for Participating Fellows and their Institutions

Expertise Development



- Exposure to cross-cutting topics on the key issues facing higher education today
- Opportunity to gain depth in a new topic or terrain beyond their functional role

Topics Include

- State of higher education
- Funding the future
- Organizational and governance structures

Professional Skills Cultivation



- Development of relationship building, decision making, and change leadership skills that are essential to success for rising higher ed leaders

Topics Include

- Change management
- Executive presence
- Unconscious bias

Community Building



- A capstone project that pairs fellows working on similar strategic priorities
- Structured networking sessions

Highlights

- **Capstone** (see sample topics below)
- Team-building activities
- Kickoff and graduation events

Fellows Tackling a Wide Range of Critical Issues in Capstones

Developing **pathways** throughout the university to support **lifelong learning**

Elevating the **student voice** in institutional decision-making

Measuring **DEI** through a campus-wide **dashboard**

Operationalizing our **strategic plan**

Achieving our aspiration of becoming **carbon neutral** by 2042

Benchmarking our **online and graduate tuition rates** compared to our peers

Fellowship Timeline and Highlights

Spring 2021 Cohort Timeline



Who is eligible to participate?



- Global Research Partners may nominate up to two fellows annually to participate
- Fellows should be faculty or staff with administrative roles at the director through associate/assistant dean/provost/vice president level (not current full deans, full vice presidents, or full provosts). Examples of current participants' roles include:



- Assistant Dean, College of Business Administration
- Director, Human Resources
- Faculty Senate President
- Director, Growth Strategies
- Associate Vice President, Academic Experience



- Fellows should expect to dedicate approximately 10-15% of their time during the nine-month duration of the fellowship

What Our Fall 2020 Fellows Are Saying



"I've enjoyed the dedicated time to focus on professional development and gaining so many resources to aid in completing my capstone project."



"The resources shared are going to be excellent moving forward as I think about institutional organization, change management, and framing student success."



"Both the networking and content have been equally helpful."

Representative List of Participating Institutions in Our Inaugural Cohort

(Note: first cohort included only larger institutions; second will include both larger and smaller institutions)



KANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY



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PEPPERDINE
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1) Cohort 1 takes place from August 2020 to March 2021

2) Fellowship activities are primarily virtual due to the coronavirus pandemic