

HILLSDALE K-12 SCHOOL LEADER FELLOWSHIP

2024-2025 Program

Summary

The Hillsdale College K-12 Education Office will be sponsoring “School Leader Fellows” for the 2024-25 school year. Each fellow will be placed within a Hillsdale classical school as an apprentice to the school leader in a paid, fulltime position. Fellows will also receive training from Hillsdale, to include various assignments, conferences, and school visits. The program is intended to prepare fellows for the demanding but ambitious role of leading a Hillsdale-affiliated classical school.

Who?

Two fellows will be chosen from a competitive applicant pool for the 2024-25 school year. Applicants should have an abiding commitment to classical K-12 education and considerable educational and professional background to prepare them for the role of school leadership.

What?

School Leader Fellows will be selected in spring 2024 and begin residency at a Hillsdale-affiliated school in July 2024. Fellows will be engaged fulltime in service to the school with scheduled assignments and trainings from the Hillsdale College K-12 Education Office. Fellows will end their residency and fellowship obligations in June 2024 and will be encouraged to apply for long-term leadership positions in Hillsdale-affiliated schools.

When?

Applications for the 2024-25 School Leader Fellowship are due by February 7, 2024. Applicants should expect to be available for interviews during the week of February 12-16. The Hillsdale K-12 Education Office will make all application decisions by March 1, 2024, and fellows are expected to be in residency by July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. To apply, send a resume, cover letter, and any supporting documents via email to bpayne@hillsdale.edu.

Where?

School leader fellows will serve in a fulltime residency position on the campus of a Hillsdale College Member School, chosen at the discretion of the Hillsdale College K-12 Education Office. Likely residency locations include Hillsdale, MI and Ellettsville, IN. School Leader Fellows will also be expected to travel to Hillsdale College for various training programs and to visit Hillsdale-affiliated schools with Hillsdale College staff.

Why?

Hillsdale College was founded in 1844 with the purpose of providing the sound learning that is necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty. In furtherance of that mission, Hillsdale College teaches K-12 schools to provide an education that is both classical and American in its orientation; one that is rooted in the liberal arts and sciences, offers a firm grounding in civic virtue, and cultivates moral character. We believe that this kind of education—an American Classical Education—is the essential component to education reform. The success of American classical education in the Hillsdale network and beyond depends upon attracting, shaping, and promoting excellent leaders.

School Leader Fellowship Training Schedule, 2024-25

July

- School Startup
- Basic Tenants of Pedagogy
- Essential Components of an American Classical Education

August

- Marketing & Public Relations
- Enrollment

September

- Literacy Training @Hillsdale
- School visit with Hillsdale team
- Hillsdale K-12 Program Guide
- School Policies and Culture
- Teacher Coaching

October

- School Leader Bootcamp @Hillsdale

November

- Board training @Hillsdale (option 1)
- Staffing Plans & Hiring
- School Finance

December

- School visit with Hillsdale team
- Parent Communications
- School Surveys

January

- Curriculum Ordering
- Organizing School Resources

February

- School Leader Conference @Hillsdale
- Classical School Job Fair @Hillsdale
- Education Law

March

- Teacher Coaching & Evaluation
- Faculty Meetings & Professional Development

April

- Board training @Hillsdale (option 2)
- School visit with Hillsdale team
- Fostering Virtue & Patriotism
- Managing Time

May

- Budgeting & Financial Management

June

- Board governance theory
- Summer education conference @Hillsdale