



New Orleans Workforce Leadership Academy Commitment to Participate Form

Commitment to Learning (Applicant's Signature)

I understand that the New Orleans Workforce Leadership Academy targets leaders interested in advancing their practice within the local workforce system and includes twelve days of in-person sessions. Specifically:

- An Academy opening three-day retreat, scheduled for March 20-22, 2019. The opening retreat requires two overnight stays at the Lod Cook Alumni Center on LSU's campus in Baton Rouge.
- A series of five full-day workshops scheduled between April and December 2019. These sessions will take place in New Orleans. These sessions will run a full day, typically 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
 - April 11, 2019
 - May 16, 2019
 - July 18, 2019
 - September 19, 2019
 - October 17, 2019
- Continued learning, application, and collaboration between workshop sessions (self-directed time of up to two hours between sessions as well as nine to 12 hours of collaborative project work across a small team of Fellows.
- A closing three-day retreat scheduled for November 13-15, 2019. The closing retreat requires two overnight stays at the Lod Cook Alumni Center on LSU's campus in Baton Rouge.
- A final, one-day reflective session on December 12, 2019 that includes a Collaborative Learning Lab presentation to local and regional workforce development stakeholders at the New Orleans Business Alliance (1250 Poydras Street, Suite 2150).

I also understand the program cost per participant is \$500, and that financial assistance is available on an as-needed basis.

By typing my full name below, I agree that if selected for the New Orleans Workforce Leadership Academy, I will commit to full participation in all Academy activities including those listed above. I also commit to engage fully with colleagues across the workforce system, reflect on my practice as a leader, and develop or deepen my strategies.

Agreed by (applicant's signature):

Title:

Organization:

Date:

Once you have completed this form, please ensure that your supervisor fills out and signs the portion below.

Authorization to Implement (Executive Leader's Signature)

The Academy is designed for workforce development professionals who hold a position of influence and responsibility sufficient to develop and lead strategic change initiatives within their organization and in partnership with others in the region.

As Executive Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors, President, or other senior executive responsible for overseeing the work of the applicant, my signature indicates that the applicant holds a level of authority within the organization sufficient to implement a specific initiative or strategy if approved through my organization's internal protocol and policies.

By typing my full name below, I fully support the applicant's commitment to participate in the New Orleans Workforce Leadership Academy. I understand that he/she will attend two (2) 3-day offsite, overnight retreats in Baton Rouge LA, and 6 full-day workshops in the New Orleans area throughout the course of the Academy. I also understand that the program cost per participant is \$500. Finally, I understand that, if selected to participate, the applicant may be required to invest additional time to successfully complete the 12-month Academy process, including time between structured sessions.

Agreed by (Executive Leader's signature):

Title:

Organization:

Date: