

What is the Family Engagement Leadership Fellowship?

Teach For America is honored to partner with Flamboyant Foundation to launch the Family Engagement Leadership Fellowship, a professional learning community where teachers learn research-based family engagement best practices designed to increase student achievement. Sessions will focus on (1) relationship building, including home visits; (2) academic partnering inclusive of high quality parent-teacher conferences and student-led conferences; and (3) ongoing communication with families. Additionally, teachers will develop their leadership capacity as they plan, implement, and monitor new family engagement strategies at their school. Family Engagement Leadership Fellows who meet the measures of success will receive a \$1500 stipend at the end of SY15-16.

Who can apply?

A successful candidate...

- Believes that all families have the ability and desire to support their child's academic achievement.
- Is interested and capable of leading family engagement work at their school.
- Is a 2014 Corps Member or TFA alumna/alumnus teacher who teaches in DC.
- Will not be working at a Flamboyant Family Engagement Partnership School in SY15-16.
- MUST apply with a "buddy" teacher from their school. The "buddy" teacher does not need to be a 2014 Corps Member or a TFA alumna/alumnus. Middle and high school teachers should apply with a "buddy" teacher from their grade level team.

"Flamboyant has been an amazing support for my development as a teacher, as well as offering great support and resources for me to use with my families. Having a buddy teacher was a great way to have DAILY support, as I had someone at my school who knew what my goals were and what I wanted to do. It was great!"

~2014-2015 Fellow

What do I get out of the TFA Family Engagement Leadership Fellowship?

- **Develop your practice:** Participate in high quality professional development on family engagement including sessions on home visiting, high quality parent teacher conferences, and student led conferences.
- **Collaborate with peers:** Participate in a professional learning community of peers committed to engaging families in student success.
- **Strengthen your school community:** Take advantage of this opportunity to lead family engagement work.
- **Better outcomes for kids:** Engage families and your students will do better.
- Receive a \$1500 stipend if you meet the measures of success.

What level of commitment is required?

Note: There will be two separate fellowships for elementary and secondary teachers.

- All Fellows must:
 - Attend at least 6 out of 7 sessions between June 2015 and May 2016
 - Prepare two presentations to share family engagement strategies with their school leaders and/or colleagues
- Early Childhood and Elementary School Teachers must meet the following Measures of Success:
 - Complete at least 24 home visits with “buddy” teacher
 - Conduct 3 parent-teacher conferences with 75% of families
 - Communicate individually at least quarterly with 100% of students’ families
- Middle School and High School Teachers must meet the following Measures of Success:
 - Select a group 12 students to target with family engagement practices
 - Complete at least 12 home visits for target students with “buddy” teacher
 - Conduct 3 parent-teacher conferences or student-led conferences with 75% of target students’ families
 - Communicate individually at least quarterly with 100% of target students’ families

When do the sessions take place?

- **The initial session will be offered twice, once on Tuesday, June 9 from 5pm-8pm and again on Wednesday, June 10th from 5pm-8pm at Flamboyan Foundation.** All accepted Fellows **MUST** attend one of the initial sessions.
- Fellows will attend 4 sessions in Fall 2015 and 2 sessions in Spring 2016. The complete schedule of sessions will be released to accepted candidates before the initial session.

“I’ve made lots of changes to my practices. The home visits have helped me strengthen my relationships with my students and their families. The relationship I have with those students’ parents are strong and trusting, making it very comfortable to discuss academic progress and support resources for growth.”

~2014-2015 Fellow

How do I apply?

- Visit < <http://goo.gl/forms/2fiK8J3G4E>> and fill out the application **by Friday, May 1, 2015**. You and your “buddy” teacher should complete one application.
- Successful, first round candidates will be interviewed in May.
- Accepted candidates will be contacted by June 1st

How do I find out more?

Please contact Diana Suarez at dsuarez@flamboyanfoundation.org with questions.