



ENERGIZE YOUR DANCE LEADERSHIP

Become the Best that You Can Be

National Dance Society (NDS) Leadership Academy General Information

Overview:

One of NDS's seven purposes is to promote personal leadership skills and strategies that can strengthen dance education within the schools, community, state, and nation. In 2020, NDS launched its first 18-month in-depth leadership academy to help individuals strengthen leadership skills and management practices, know strategies for applying effective methods in program development, and identify ways to promote personal leadership and scholarship. The Leadership Academy aims to help professionals enhance their capacities to advance dance as a fine art, a basis for a well lifestyle, a support for academic success, and a forum for respecting a multicultural society. Individuals accepted into the program become leadership candidates and those who successfully complete the program shall be designated as a Dance Leadership Fellow.

Program Elements:

- Virtual and in-person (when possible) training sessions scheduled by a consensus of the selected Leadership Academy candidates
- Minimally 34-contact hours of learning experiences
- Individualized meetings with an assigned mentor or other leader, as needed
- Implementation of a personally-selected project to apply leadership development
- A final presentation project report to share at a public professional event

Special Note: Candidates will be assigned a mentor to assist and guide them through their course work and individual project(s).

Program Outcomes:

- Expand personal knowledge, skills, characteristics, and practices for effective leadership within the dance field.
- Build or strengthen organizational capacity within an educational institution, community dance program, or professional association.
- Develop or strengthen strategies for promoting dance programming.
- Strengthen scholarship and creative writing within the dance field.

The Leadership Academy will help individuals develop a deep understanding of dance leadership education and its benefits within various cultures in society; understand the benefits of dance in personal development (cognitively, physically, socially, and mentally); and help professionals work with their colleagues, students, or clients to achieve at their highest potential.

Applicant Criteria:

Once applications are reviewed, candidates will be selected for the Leadership Academy Fellows program from the following criteria.

- Recognized as a dance professional, other teacher of dance (perhaps in a physical education or community program), or arts professional
- Have a basic knowledge of the field of dance including experience in one or more of the following areas: education, performance, production, and/or administration
- Demonstrated some current measure of leadership abilities, including workshop/meeting facilitation, organization, advocacy, management multiple projects, and/or team building
- Demonstrated high interest and commitment to continue in a leadership role within the school, community, state, district, and nation (or internationally)

Academy Tuition:

The academy tuition for NDS members is waived. However, candidates will be responsible for purchasing necessary books or resources needed to fulfill their learning experiences.

Application/Commitment Forms

An Application/Commitment Form for the Leadership Academy's Fellows Program may be obtained online or by contacting the NDS office at: info@nationaldancesociety.org or fameyerdance@aol.com. The due date for completion of the application is **March 1, 2022**. You also may call the NDS office with questions regarding the Leadership Academy or the Fellows Program (540-641-1071).

Notification of Acceptance:

Applicants accepted into the program will be notified via email by **April 15, 2022**.

Again, if there are questions about the Leadership Academy's Fellows Program, contact the NDS office at: 540-642-1041; info@nationaldancesociety.org, fameyerdance@aol.com, or sandyewks@aol.com. The due date for completion of the application is **March 1, 2022**.