



## PEER COLLABORATOR

### ABOUT

Drexel University's Goodwin College of Professional Studies and the Office of Global Engagement are proud to host its 3<sup>rd</sup> cohort of Mandela Fellows this upcoming Summer 2019. The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders is the flagship program of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). Since its start in 2014, the program has empowered young people through academic coursework, leadership training, and networking.

In 2019, the Fellowship will provide up to 700 outstanding young leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa with the opportunity to hone their skills at a U.S. higher education institution with support for professional development after they return home. Drexel University's Goodwin College of Professional Studies will host 25 of these Fellows through a Leadership in Civic Engagement track. The Fellows, who are between the ages of 25 and 35, have established records of accomplishment in promoting innovation and positive change in their organizations, institutions, communities, and countries.

### SEEKING PEER COLLABORATORS

Would you like to become a Peer Collaborator for the Mandela Fellows? We are seeking professionals to share ideas and experiences as well as build mutual understanding. There is no specific area of expertise or focus required, only that Peer Collaborators be civically minded, leaders or emerging leaders in their fields, and enthusiastic about developing long-lasting and impactful relationships with the Mandela Fellows. Initial introductions will be made at the beginning of the visit and encouraged to develop on an individual basis throughout the 6-week program. Additional opportunities for scheduled interaction will be provided as Peer Collaborators will be welcome to participate in various events and activities throughout the program.

### PEER COLLABORATOR REQUIREMENTS

Ideal Peer Collaborators will be in the greater Philadelphia area, interested in building lasting relationships, and available to meet three to six times during the program (June 20 through July 30, 2019).

- Attend Peer Collaborator Orientation (on Drexel's campus and online on an evening in early June)
- Be available for 3-6 meetings during the Fellowship, with at least one meeting being an opportunity to visit your job or a civic organization site
- Attend both Opening and Closing Receptions for Mandela (evenings of June 20 and July 26)

### APPLICATION

If you are interested, please fill out the application [here](#), so that we can officially match you with a fellow. Once matched, we will be sending out an introduction email to the two of you to be acquainted.

To learn more about the Mandela Washington Fellowship at Drexel, watch this short [recap video](#) from 2017, or read the [announcement](#) for the 2019 fellowship.

Best Regards,

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