



NEW SCHOOLS FOR NEW ORLEANS

BREAKTHROUGH SCHOOLS: NEW ORLEANS Personalized Learning Teacher Fellowship 20-17-2018

Breakthrough Schools: New Orleans is looking for teachers to participate in the second year of the Personalized Learning Teacher Fellowship (PLTF) for the 2017-18 school year to learn, practice, and spread Personalized Learning (PL) instructional practices at their schools. The purpose of the PLTF is to create opportunities for teachers from different schools and networks to come together to share ideas, learnings, and challenges related to integrating personalized learning strategies in their classrooms. The PLTF will support teachers who are passionate about personalizing learning to hone their skills and become classroom-level proof points in their schools – examples of how PL can support student learning. PLTF Fellows will prove, over the course of the year, what is possible for students and teachers when instruction is designed with the student at the center.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, Educate Now! and New Schools for New Orleans (NSNO) partnered with Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) to found ***Breakthrough Schools: New Orleans***, an initiative designed to support schools in their adoption of PL through grant-making and technical assistance. *Breakthrough Schools: New Orleans* launched the first PLTF during the 2016-17 school year.

For the purposes of this opportunity, PL is defined as: accelerating student learning by tailoring the instructional environment – what, when, how, and where students learn – to address the individual needs, skills, and interests of each student. Students take ownership of their own learning, while also developing deep personal connections to each other, their teachers, and other adults to support learning and personal development. This may include integration of technology into daily instructional practices, but technology is not required for personalization.

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

This opportunity might be for you if:

- 1) You are a skilled teacher looking for an opportunity to grow
- 2) You have strong classroom management
- 3) You are passionate about personalizing learning for your students to better meet their needs
- 4) You are willing to take risks, try new strategies, and make mistakes in order to determine what works and you are open to getting feedback along the way
- 5) You are committed to collecting, analyzing, and using data to understand students' needs and tailor instruction accordingly
- 6) You are excited about an opportunity to learn from and collaborate with teachers from across the city
- 7) You have reliable access to basic technology in your classroom (wifi and computers for at least 30% of students at once)

OVERVIEW

Interested applicants must apply by **5pm on Wednesday, June 7th** (see application links later in this document). Fellows will be selected and notified on or before Friday, June 30th.

Please see the next page for more detail.

Eligible Applicants	Commitment	Compensation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicants must be full-time employees at an open-enrollment charter school in Orleans Parish¹ ▪ Applicants must teach at least half time ▪ Applicants must have at least 2 years of teaching experience (including 2017-18) ▪ Applicants must have reliable access to basic technology in their classroom, including reliable access to wifi and computers for at least 30% of students (100% ideal) 	<p>From August 2017 through May 2018, Fellows will commit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attending monthly PD sessions (specific dates TBD), led by Fellowship Leaders ▪ Participating in school/classroom observations ▪ Joining 1 trip to see national PL schools outside of New Orleans (fall 2017) ▪ Presenting at a final Fellowship Showcase in May 2018 <p>Please see below for more details on these activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selected Fellows will receive a \$2000 stipend for the 2017-18 school year. \$1000 will be paid in December 2017 and the remaining \$1000 will be paid in May 2018. Both payments are contingent on Fellows fulfilling their commitment to the Fellowship and completing required activities detailed in this memo ▪ In fall 2017, Fellows will participate in a 2-3 day trip to see national PL models; relevant expenses for this trip will be covered by the Fellowship (flights, hotel, food, and local transportation)

REQUIREMENTS

Selected Fellows must commit to the following requirements to receive the stipend:

- Attend PD sessions, led by Fellowship Leaders, each month from August 2017 through May 2018 (must attend 8 of 10). Final dates will be released later this summer.
- Join 1 trip to see national PL schools outside of New Orleans for approximately 3 total days (travel included) in fall 2017. The group will decide specific trip dates.
- Complete all work associated with the Fellowship by selected dates.
- Present final design project at end of year showcase in May 2018.

FELLOWSHIP LEADS

Nate Kellogg is the Director of Personalized Learning for ReNEW Schools. A former teacher, Nate is a Google for Education Certified Trainer, a co-founder of Louisiana’s monthly teacher Twitter chat, #LAedchat, and Google Educator Group (GEG), and an organizer of New Orleans’ EdCampNOLA and EdTechMeetup. Nate co-lead the inaugural year of the PLTF, designing the Fellowship experience and content as well as facilitating monthly sessions.

Katie Patterson is the Managing Director of School Support at New Schools for New Orleans. In this role, she serves as a leader for New Orleans’ cohort participating in Relay Graduate School of Education’s National Principal’s Academy Fellowship and supports local schools through direct leadership coaching and facilitation of Instructional Rounds. Katie designed and led local Common Core Fellowships for teachers and leaders making instructional changes to align to College and Career Readiness including monthly collaborative sessions and visits to high performing schools nationally. Katie has an extensive background in curriculum review and development, teacher coaching, and ELA instruction.

¹ Open-enrollment schools are those that participate in OneApp, do not have admissions criteria, and provide free transportation for students.

KEY DATES

May 16, 2017	Application Launch. Information about the Fellowship and the application will be shared on this date.
June 7, 2017	Application Deadline. Interested applicants must complete the online application form and have their School Leaders complete the recommendation form by 5pm on this date.
June 30, 2017	Fellows Notified. All applicants will be notified of their final application status on or before this date.
Fall 2017	Fellows travel outside New Orleans for PL Research Trip.
December 31, 2017	First Stipend Payment. Fellows who have successfully fulfilled their commitment to the Fellowship for the fall semester will receive the first stipend installment of \$1000 on or before this date.
May 2018	Showcase. All Fellows will share a final Fellowship capstone project at this culminating event.
May 31, 2018	Second Stipend Payment: Fellows who have successfully fulfilled their commitment to the Fellowship for the spring semester will receive the second and final stipend installment of \$1000 on or before this date.

APPLICATION

In order to apply, interested candidates must complete the following **by 5pm on Wednesday, June 7th**:

- 1) Complete [this application form](#) (approximately 30 minutes)
- 2) Ask your School Leader to complete [this recommendation form](#) (approximately 20 minutes)

Final selection of Fellows will be made by Educate Now! and NSNO.

CONTACT

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Nate Kellogg (nate@renewschools.org).