



## TOUCHSTONES

## FELLOWS PROGRAM

Virtual Discussion Leadership Professional Development

**OCTOBER 11-  
DECEMBER 6**

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Touchstones Fellows program is a free virtual 8-week cohort-based professional learning opportunity that brings experienced and novice Touchstones teachers together for weekly and hands-on discussion leadership practice. Fellows will engage in the first nine lessons of our [Exploring American Perspectives \(EAP\) volume](#) - which exclusively includes works by African American and Black contributors - to explore themes of belonging, inclusion, equity, voice, leadership, and community.

### FELLOWS WILL

- ✓ Build discussion leadership skills by facilitating one of the discussion meetings with advanced preparation and personalized support
- ✓ Examine assumptions and biases
- ✓ Practice working with others, regardless of perceived similarity or difference and build community with other educators
- ✓ Learn to better articulate ideas and formulate questions
- ✓ Earn a certificate for 18 hours of professional development, upon successful completion of the program

# 100%

OF PAST FELLOWS SURVEYED  
RECOMMEND THE PROGRAM  
TO OTHERS

## TESTIMONIALS

“It truly has been exciting to learn about myself in this setting. I've never before felt safe discussing race among others and - through this platform - I felt SAFER.

SHALINI JASTI  
8th Grade ELA Teacher  
Cohort 3 Fellow, Fall 2021

“This is the best PD I've had in a long time...I was able to feel what it was like to be a student in my own class, to empathize with the substantial difficulties of initiating, shaping, and growing a community.

High School G/T Teacher  
Cohort 3 Fellow, Fall 2021



## DATES & DETAILS

TUESDAYS

7:00 - 8:30PM EST

OCT. 11, 18, 25; NOV. 1, 8, 15, 29; DEC. 6

Fellows must commit to all 8 sessions, plus one prep meeting in order to build a community of learners. To apply, email us a short paragraph detailing why you would like to be a Fellow and what you hope to gain from the program by September 20. Cohort is limited to 7 Fellows and is offered free of charge.

## INFO SESSION

THURSDAY AUG. 25 | 7:00PM EST

If you'd like to learn more before you apply, join us for a brief info session where we'll give an overview of the program and answer questions. Sign up on our website to receive the link.