

2027 Southern Arizona Workforce Leadership Academy

Authorization to Participate

The 2027 Southern Arizona Workforce Leadership Academy is designed for workforce development professionals who hold a position of influence and responsibility sufficient to develop and lead strategic change initiatives within their organization and in partnership with others in the region.

As Executive Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors, President, or other senior executive responsible for overseeing the work of the applicant, my electronic signature indicates that the applicant holds a level of authority within the organization sufficient to implement a specific initiative or strategy if approved through my organization's internal protocol and policies and is able to initiate or partner with others across the workforce ecosystem.

By typing my full name below, I fully support the applicant's participation in the Workforce Leadership Academy. I understand that if selected to participate, the applicant will be required to attend all Academy activities listed below. I also understand that, if selected to participate, the applicant will be required to invest additional time to successfully complete the Academy, including time between structured sessions. I confirm that I have reviewed the specific dates for the Academy activities.

OVERVIEW OF REQUIRED ACADEMY ACTIVITIES FOR FELLOWS:

Dates & Times	Activities	Location
January 21 (8:30-10:00 a.m.)	Orientation	Zoom
February 11-12	Opening Retreat (<i>two days with one overnight stay</i>)	In-person (Tucson)
March 2 (8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)	Session 1	Zoom
March 10 (1:15-4:30 p.m.)	CoLab 1	Zoom
April 6 (8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)	Session 2	Zoom

April 14 (1:15-4:30 p.m.)	CoLab 2	Zoom
May 4 (9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	Session 3 + CoLab 3	In-person (Tucson)
May 18 (1:00-2:00 p.m.)	*Prescheduled CoLab Team Meeting 1	Zoom
May 21 (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)	LPI 360 Reflection	Zoom
June 15 (8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)	Session 4	Zoom
June 24 (3:00-4:00 p.m.)	*Prescheduled CoLab Team Meeting 2	Zoom
July 14 (3:00-4:30 p.m.)	LPI 360 Reflection	Zoom
August 4 (12:00-6:00 p.m.)	CoLab 4 (12:00-4:00 p.m.)	In-person (Tucson)
	Mid-Academy Networking Event (4:30-6:00 p.m.)	In-person (Tucson)
August 19 (2:00-3:00 p.m.)	*Prescheduled CoLab Team Meeting 3	Zoom
September 9 (8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)	Session 5	Zoom
September 22 (1:15-4:30 p.m.)	CoLab 5	Zoom
October 14-15	Closing Retreat (<i>two days with one overnight stay</i>)	In-person (Tucson)
November 4 (12:00-7:30 p.m.)	CoLab Stakeholder Event (12:00- 4:30 p.m.)	In-person (Tucson)
	Fellow Celebration Dinner (5:30 p.m.)	In-person (Tucson)
December 2 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)	Closing Session	Zoom
January 9, 2028 (10:00-11:00 a.m.)	CFA WLA Network Assembly	Zoom
<i>Ongoing during Academy</i>		

Continued learning, application, and collaboration between workshop sessions (self-directed time of up to 2 hours between sessions as well as 9 to 12 hours of collaborative project work across a small team of Fellows over the entirety of the Academy)

I understand that while unexpected or emergency situations might necessitate the Fellow's absence, more than one absence from any session or lab could lead to withdrawal from the Academy (applicants should confirm their availability for the Opening Retreat before submitting the application).

I also understand that the program cost per participant is \$650 from the Fellow's organization, which helps cover meeting costs and program materials.

Supervisor Name _____

Supervisor Title and Organization _____

Signature of Supervisor _____

Date _____