

## NATIONAL AFTERSCHOOL MATTERS PRACTITIONER FELLOWSHIP

Unique Leadership and Learning Opportunity for Youth Program Leaders

We are delighted to invite youth program leaders to apply for the Afterschool Matters Practitioner Fellowship program. The NYC Fellows will join a growing national network of afterschool program leaders, including practitioners from Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Seattle.

This competitive, year-long Fellowship program was developed by The National Institute on Out-of-School Time (NIOST) at the Wellesley College Centers for Women and the National Writing Project (NWP), with generous funding support from The Robert Bowne Foundation. In NYC, this program is led by the Department of Youth and Community Development, in partnership with the NYC Writing Project at Lehman College.

Those selected for this competitive Fellowship will:

- ✓ Learn strategies to engage in program reflection and inquiry to improve programs and practice
- ✓ Engage in leadership activities to disseminate program improvement strategies, including sharing inquiry projects with colleagues, funders, and other key stakeholders
- ✓ Write a middle school or high school age youth-focused inquiry paper

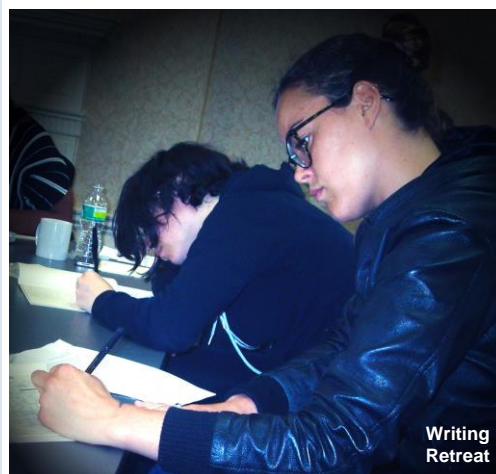


### IN THEIR OWN WORDS | NYC Fellow Quotes

The Fellowship is a valuable opportunity to do three things that rarely occur on their own during the course of a busy program year including: **Connecting with peers who share a common belief in OST and approach their work in different boroughs and with unique methodologies; time to reflect and research your practice with learning applied to your job in real time; and an opportunity to gain new skills in research, data analysis, and writing that increase the effectiveness of my service to students.**

The ASM Fellowship has connected me with many amazing after school workers. It has been great to network with practitioners and engage in dialogue about the field and our work. **My action research has helped me identify what about my work I want to think more deeply about and how I can affect change from within my own organization.**

The time spent with much respected colleagues and Fellows has grounded the work that I do. I am more conscientious in what I do and **my commitment to youth overall has increased.**



Writing  
Retreat

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## FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

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**The Fellowship requires a one year commitment.** Meetings occur twice per month over the course of the academic year and significant time is needed for research, reflection and writing. This involves the same amount of time as a graduate level course.

During the ASMPF program, **Fellows receive significant support** to foster their professional development, collaboration, writing, and leadership development. Support for Fellows includes:

- **Fellowship learning meetings;**
- **Individual support** to assist with research and writing;
- **Writing Retreat** to provide an opportunity for reflection, collaboration, and writing;
- Opportunity to present work at a **Research Roundtable** at the end of the Fellowship;
- **Stipend:** Participants who successfully complete the Fellowship are eligible for a \$500 stipend.

*Program Calendar – see attached schedule*

- **September 2014 to January 2015:** Fellows are required to attend twice monthly 3.5 hour Fellowship learning meetings at the NYC DYCD and complete reading, research, and writing projects as assigned. Meetings will take place from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM on Fridays.
- **February 2015 to May 2015:** Fellows are required to attend monthly meetings at NYC DYCD; writing group meetings; and complete writing projects as assigned.
- **May 2015:** Fellows are required to participate in a spring writing retreat and complete rough drafts of research articles.
- **April 2015:** Fellows present research findings to funders, colleagues and academia.
- **October 2015:** Fellows participate in a formal Round Table Presentation to the broader community and may be eligible to submit papers for publication.

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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PROCESS

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ASM Practitioner Fellows are selected through a competitive application process. The NYC selection committee is comprised of staff from NIOST, NYC DYCD, and the NYC Writing Project. Nationally, in collaboration with NIOST, each city selects less than twenty Fellows each year based on a number of factors including:

- **Experience and Education:** Fellows should possess a minimum of three years of experience in education, youth development, and/or the OST field. Fellows must be working part-time or full-time in a youth program. A bachelor's degree is required.
- **Application Materials:** Complete, thoughtful, and well written application materials will be considered. Letters of support and other supplemental materials (e.g., writing samples) will also be carefully reviewed during the selection process.
- **Fit:** The selection committee will consider applicant availability, job responsibilities, and other information, such as areas of expertise, interests, and writing skills, to determine fit.

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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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To apply complete the Fellowship application and submit along with your résumé or CV to the following two email addresses: [nioست@wellesley.edu](mailto:nioست@wellesley.edu) and [capacityBuilding@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:capacityBuilding@dycd.nyc.gov). Please include **NYC ASMPF** in the email subject line. **Applications must be received by August 8th.**

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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For more information, visit: <http://www.nioست.org/Practitioner-Fellowship/practitioner-fellowship-overview> or contact Elizabeth Meister, (781) 283-2607 or [emeister@wellesley.edu](mailto:emeister@wellesley.edu). If you have specific questions in regards to the NYC Fellowship contact: [CapacityBuilding@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:CapacityBuilding@dycd.nyc.gov).