

LEE Diversity in Public Leadership Summits

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The Diversity in Public Leadership Summits are free weekend workshops held across the country for LEE members from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds in public leadership to learn about pathways to dismantling systems of inequities and oppression. Participants deeply examine their personal identities, past experiences, and visions for change while building community with other LEE members.

As a participant, you'll develop a foundation of skills needed to succeed in advocacy, elected leadership, organizing, or policy; gain clarity about the leadership pathways you'd like to pursue; and find out how LEE can help you advance your interests.

"The Diversity in Public Leadership Summit helped me to uncover the various elements of systemic change by challenging me to think more deeply about the root causes of various social issues within each of our communities. It has enabled me to refine my own vision and theory of change by identifying the barriers that have prevented me from effecting meaningful change through public leadership."

— Bruce Leal, 2016 Diversity in Public Leadership Summit participant (TFA Hawaii '14)

2018 summits

LEE offers Diversity in Public Leadership Summits in regions around the country. In 2018, workshops will be held at the locations below.

Please note that some summits are identity-specific; only apply to those summits if you share that identity.

- Midwest | Chicago | March 2–4, 2018
- Latin@/x Identities | Los Angeles | May 4–6, 2018
- LGBTQIA+ People of Color | New York | August 3–5, 2018
- East Coast | Washington, D.C. | October 19–21, 2018
- South | Memphis | November 30–December 2, 2018

"This summit really was the self-care I needed to take my passion to the next level."

— Monique Brown, 2016 Diversity in Public Leadership Summit participant (TFA Eastern North Carolina '14)

Goals & outcomes

- Explore how your identity, experiences, and values can translate into effective public leadership within your community.
- Strategize ways to overcome barriers, create more equitable systems and policies for our communities and students of color, and find the career pathway that fits your vision for change.
- Prepare to pursue a role in public leadership in the next one to three years — whether in organizing, policy, advocacy, elected leadership, or other forms of civic change.
- Build a network and community with other members of color and public leaders who will support you in your professional growth.

Who should apply?

The Diversity in Public Leadership Summits are for LEE members who identify within communities of color that are traditionally underrepresented in public leadership roles. Attending a summit may be particularly useful for second-year corps members or recent alumni who are considering ways to create systemic change beyond the classroom.

What is required of participants?

If accepted, you will be asked to

- Complete a 15-minute survey prior to participation
- Complete 45–60 minutes of reflective pre-work to prepare for the summit
- Attend all summit sessions and networking events
- Complete a 15–20 minute survey after the summit
- Take next steps to advance your leadership with LEE or another organization

LEE will cover all travel and lodging costs associated with participation, provided that attendees commit to the above requirements.