



What is it?

NECTFL Mead Leadership Fellows Program supports individuals in the development of a project that contributes to the world language teaching profession and advances quality language instruction. The program was created to develop future leaders for the profession at the state, regional, and national levels.

Who may apply?

World language educators who have demonstrated leadership potential in their institutions and/or professional organizations at the local, state, or regional or national level may apply. They must teach in one of the thirteen NECTFL states or the District of Columbia (CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV).

What funding is included?

Mead Fellows accepted to participate will be funded as follows:

- Conference registration fees waived for two years (for the year of acceptance and for the following year, in which project results are presented.)
- Up to \$575 reimbursed for travel and/or hotel
 - Travel by car reimbursed at the NECTFL rate of 50 cents per mile.
 - One hotel night, reimbursable only if at the conference hotel (NYC Hilton Midtown).
- State associations are encouraged to provide a stipend as well to help offset expenses.

Application Procedure

1. Application forms will be available on the NECTFL website. State associations are asked to publicize this link widely and to proactively encourage and mentor potential applicants.
2. Completed applications will be sent to the applicant's state association. Each state association will select **one** application per year to submit to NECTFL.
3. The NECTFL Mead Committee will select a maximum of three Fellows from among the applications submitted by the state associations.

Deadlines: Please see the website for current deadline dates.

- The state associations must receive applications on or around November 1.
- NECTFL must receive the completed application from the state organization on or around December 1.
- The NECTFL Mead Committee will meet virtually, select the Fellows, and will convey its decisions to the state associations and the nominees by **mid-December**.

Recognition

NECTFL Mead Leadership Fellows will be paired with a mentor whose expertise in is the area of the project and will take part in an expert collaboration session at the Northeast Conference to hone their project and receive guidance from mentors and former Mead fellows. Fellows will be recognized at the NECTFL Awards Ceremony. Follow-up mentoring by NECTFL board members and/or the mentor will be provided. Projects may be publicized on our website, on social media, and/or in an upcoming issue of the NECTFL Review. Finally, Fellows will be given a session during which they will present their project at the following year's conference.

Criteria for Selection

The rubric that will be used to evaluate each application is included in this packet. It is suggested that applicants review this rubric before submitting their application.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The applicant should submit the following to their state association:

1. A narrative project description written by the applicant describing his/her project, containing the following:
 - **Project Rationale:** How will this project contribute to the field and advance quality language instruction? Why should NECTFL support this project?
 - **Project Description:** What is your project? What goals and objectives do you hope to accomplish? How will you use technology to disseminate your project?
 - **Action Plan:** What steps will you take to implement the project? What is your timeline? Please keep in mind that you need to present at the following year's state conferences.
 - **Leadership Statement:** How will your project provide leadership at the local, state, regional, and/or national level?
2. A current résumé or C.V. of no more than two pages.
3. A letter of support from the nominee's school/academic institution.
4. A signed statement of commitment expressing the nominee's willingness to complete his/her proposed project and present findings at the following year's Northeast Conference.

The state association should complete [this online form](#) and upload the above-listed documents, along with a letter of nomination from the state association.



Sample Statement of Commitment

If selected as a Mead Fellow, I, _____, will commit to complete my proposed project and present the findings at my state conference, possibly at other NECTFL professional development events during the calendar year following acceptance of the project, and at the next year's NECTFL Conference.

Applicant Signature

Date

Rubric for NECTFL Mead Fellows Applications

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
<p>Project Rationale: How will this project contribute to the field and advance quality language instruction? How will you use technology to make the project globally accessible?</p>	Project meets an identified need and makes a significant and unique contribution to field. Project represents potentially innovative contribution to language instruction. The project incorporates the most updated use of technology available in an effort to make it globally accessible.	Project meets an identified need of the profession. Project provides a unique contribution. Project clearly aligns with current thoughts on best practices and standards-based instruction. The project incorporates the use of technology available in an effort to make it globally accessible.	Project concept has already been discussed extensively within the profession; and/or the project is not aligned with current best practices and/or standards-based instruction.
<p>Project Rationale: Why should NECTFL support this project?</p>	NECTFL support is critical to the completion of this project.	NECTFL support is necessary for completion of the project.	Project could be accomplished without the support of NECTFL.
<p>Project Description: What is your project? What are goals and objectives do you hope to accomplish?</p>	Goals and objectives are highly detailed and reflect exemplary research into the requirements of the project.	Goals and objectives are attainable and clearly defined.	Goals and objectives are not attainable and/or not clearly defined.
<p>Action Plan: How will the project be implemented? What is your timeline? Please keep in mind that you need to present at the following year's state and NECTFL conferences</p>	Implementation plan is highly detailed and well-defined. Plan demonstrates extensive knowledge of activities needed to complete the project.	Implementation plan and timeline are realistic and include reasonable steps toward completion of the proposed project, as well as presentation at the state and NECTFL Conference.	Implementation plan and timeline are unrealistic and/or incomplete. Realistic goals for presenting at the state and NECTFL Conference are not included.
<p>Leadership Statement: How will your project be disseminated and develop your leadership role at the local, state, regional, and national level?</p>	There is a clear plan for sharing the project beyond the state level. The project requires the development of significant leadership skills and/or roles.	There is a clear plan for sharing the project with the profession beyond the local level. The project requires the development of leadership skills and/or roles.	The plan only describes implementation at the local level. The project requires the development of minor or few leadership skills and/or roles.