



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). Teams of up to two applicants may apply jointly, however funding is shared (see below).

What funding is included?

Mead Fellows accepted to participate will be funded for two years 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.

Procedure

1. State associations should disseminate information about the Mead program widely with their membership.
2. Applicants should submit their materials *to their state association* via a Google Drive. State associations should provide detailed directions on how to do this.
3. Each state association will select **one** application to submit to NECTFL.
4. The NECTFL Mead Committee will select a maximum of three Fellows from among the applications submitted by the state associations.

Mead Mentor Pairing

Each NECTFL Mead Leadership Fellow 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. 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.

Conference Awards and Recognition

Fellows will be recognized at the NECTFL Awards Ceremony.

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 (see next page) expressing the nominee's willingness to complete his/her proposed project and present findings at the following year's Northeast Conference.



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