

# Educational Scholars Fellowship Program

## Overview

The format of the Educational Scholars Fellowship Program, formerly known as the Master Teachers' Fellowship Program has been remodeled to take advantage of expanded educator development opportunities at Baylor. This is a collaborative initiative among Baylor College of Medicine, and the University of Texas Dental Branch and Medical School at Houston.



## What's the purpose of the ESFP?

The primary aim of the ESFP is to enhance the educational mission of the College by improving the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of individual faculty; thus, empowering them to make a positive contribution to the college and their department. Specifically, the fellowship is designed to increase fellows':

- **Knowledge** of key educational principles and theories.
- **Skills** in lecturing, facilitating, designing, and evaluating.
- **Interest** in and ability to serve as an educational leader.
- **Self-reflection** and readiness to benefit from constructive feedback from learners and peers.

## What is the format of the Fellowship?

**Kickoff:** The first month of the ESFP will consist of weekly sessions designed to help members of the class build collaborative relationships and a conceptual foundation for the remainder of the fellowship. The kickoff starts with an all-day retreat followed by four weekly three-hour sessions.

**Workshops and Mini-fellowships:** Fellows will be required to attend over a two-year period 24 hours of educator development workshops and mini-fellowships offered at Baylor, UT-Houston, UT Dental or at regional or national conferences. They will be able to select sessions which match their schedules and their interests.

**Topical Discussions:** Once a month, members of the ESFP class will meet to discuss with an expert in the area specific topics (i.e., educational pedagogy, evaluation, research).

**Independent Projects:** Fellows will be required to complete, primarily during the second year of the fellowship, an educational project that involves application of educational principles to address a meaningful educational problem.

## What time commitment does it require?

A new class of fellows will be selected and initiated every two years. The fellowship extends for 24 months, starting in September. During this time, fellows are expected to commit at least **six hours per month** to prepare for and attend Friday afternoon sessions and to work on their independent projects. They must also include time for Committee for Educator Development workshops and mini-fellowships.

Fellows should be prepared to make a 10 percent time commitment.

## How do I apply?

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**The next two-year class of the ESFP will be chosen in June 2009.**