Fellowship FAQs

What is the time commitment to participate in the fellowship?
The program requires fellows to commit to attending three in-person gatherings of four to five days over 18 months; fellows must attend these gatherings from start to finish. Each fellow is also expected to attend scheduled calls with peers and mentors about action plans (1-2 quarterly) and quarterly virtual gatherings (~2 hours each). Fellows should also expect to be thinking about—and, when appropriate, working on—their action plans outside of scheduled fellowship events.

Is there any flexibility on in-person gathering dates or sessions?
For the success and coherence of the Fellowship, we are unable to make exceptions to the attendance and participation requirements. The in-person gatherings are purposefully spaced out, and the second two gatherings, which are shorter than the first, will take advantage of weekend days to minimize disruption to work schedules. If you are interested in participating in the fellowship but cannot attend the in-person dates for the first cohort, sign up here to stay updated on future selection cycles.

How much does it cost to participate in the fellowship?
Participation is without cost to fellows or their organizations. The program covers travel, lodging, and meal expenses for the three in-person gatherings (incidentally like laundry are fellows’ responsibility).

Does the fellowship provide a stipend for individuals participating in the program?
The program does not pay fellows for participation in the program.

What do “early-stage” and “emerging” mean?
We are looking for candidates who have a passion for addressing complex food system problems and who can share ideas of where they hope and plan to have impact. Candidates should be able to point to the tangible steps they’ve begun to take in their work and should be at a stage where they are looking to expand their ideas and impact. We recognize that titles vary across organizations, so we don’t base our thinking on that. We seek candidates who are striving to be influential changemakers of our food system.

How do I stay up to date on the Food Leaders Fellowship?
Sign up here to be added to our mailing list and receive updates from us on fellow selection and more.