

Learning Guide  
Emerging Leaders of Color  
South Arts

A NOTE FROM THE FACULTY

Welcome to an adventure in leadership.

Alongside committed expert faculty, the ELC experience is offered by South Arts and WESTAF, both high-impact regional service organizations. We invite you into a dynamic leadership community that we know will benefit you for years to come.

The field of arts administration is evolving before our eyes. As discussions about equity and access continuously guide policymaking and practice in our field, we also find ourselves leaning into technology by using the digital space as our primary platform for this engagement. Your leadership voice is critically needed to help organizations and communities respond to the mandates of cultural sustainability and inclusion in the arts as we deal with incomprehensible systemic challenges. Our time together is intended to help you discover, discern and launch the next phase of your career as a prepared responder and change agent.

The model for this program is based on the theory of shared learning, which leaves conversations open, as you learn equally from your peers and from data filled resources that we will explore together. Your curriculum will remind you that enthusiasm and hard work are not enough in the field of arts administration. It is also important to understand the foundational structure of the arts locally and nationally, and to think about the trends that require you to exercise strategic foresight as a leadership skill.

You will be asked to share your opinion, to ask “why” and to be flexible, even as we see each other in tiny boxes on a screen. We are interested in what you are interested in, so don’t be shy about sharing.

Thanks for letting us be your guide. We’re looking forward to our time together.

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