



The Voices of Change Fellowship FAQ

What is the EdSurge Voices of Change Fellowship?

The EdSurge Voices of Change Writer and Creator Fellowship brings together educator fellows from across the country who are interested in sharing their experiences through narrative storytelling through text and multimedia. Fellows will be partnered with an editor to support brainstorming, drafting, editing and publishing essays or videos that explore how they're navigating challenges and adapting to meet the needs of all learners.

The goal of the fellowship is to elevate authentic voices from the field and give educators the opportunity to explore the intersections of AI and technology, teaching and learning through their writing. EdSurge seeks to amplify the voices of educators who have personally experienced significant challenges in their teaching, particularly amid the rise of AI and new technologies introduced in the classroom.

The fellowship provides a professional growth opportunity for educators to learn with and from EdSurge editors and other fellows. Fellows will have their work published on EdSurge and ISTE+ASCD shared through newsletters and social media, contributing to a body of work that brings fresh perspectives and unique expertise to a wide audience of readers, including educators, school and district administrators and other educational stakeholders.

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1. What is the commitment that Fellows make?

Over 10 months (May 2026 - February 2027), Fellows commit to:

- Collaborating with an editor to brainstorm, write, edit and publish four stories on EdSurge
- Engaging regular check-ins with an editor to pitch, discuss and finalize stories
- Participating in monthly group Zoom calls with the other fellows for professional development and community building
- Partnering with peers to hone story ideas

There may also be opportunities to share stories through alternative mediums, including short-form video, interviews, and podcasts. On average, we expect that fellows will devote about 15 hours a month to the fellowship.

2. What support do fellows receive?

Each fellow will have access to:

- Hands-on, professional guidance from an experienced editor
- A community of inspiring educators and school leaders to engage with and learn alongside
- A growing alumni network to offer perspective, mentorship, advice and resources
- Professional development opportunities to improve writing and editing skills
- An education media platform to share stories, even after the fellowship year

3. How long does the fellowship last?

The fellowship is a 10-month commitment, from May 2026 through February 2027.

4. Am I eligible for the fellowship? Is this opportunity only open to published writers and experienced creators?

This fellowship is open to individuals who are currently full-time, school-based K-12 educators (elementary or secondary teachers, K-12 or higher ed faculty, instructional coaches, counselors, librarians) or school leaders (e.g., principals) in the United States. (including U.S. territories). Fellows should plan to continue working in a school or educational setting during the next academic year and should have an interest in sharing their stories, but fellows **don't** have to be published authors, professional writers, or content creators. We're looking for all types of writers — from first-timers to those who are more experienced.

5. What does the application entail? How long will it take me to complete the application?

The application consists of a questionnaire for writers and creators. As part of the application, you will be asked to share a PDF copy of your resume or link to your LinkedIn profile. The questionnaire asks basic information about your role, your educational setting and the learners you serve, your background and identity, and your writing and creative experience and story ideas. You are not required to answer any questions that make you uncomfortable, and your application materials will only be shared with ISTE+ASCD staff. The application should not take more than two hours of your time. Google account owners who are signed in while completing their application have the option to save their responses and return to complete them at a later time during the application period.

6. Why does the application ask me to provide details on my background, identity and experiences?

We are looking for educators who can speak to the multitude of teaching and learning experiences across the United States. For this fellowship, we want K-12 educators with different identities, experiences, backgrounds and perspectives. Details about your background, identity and experience will help us develop a cohort that responds to the mission of this project. You do not have to answer any questions that make you uncomfortable.

7. What is the honorarium for participating in the fellowship? Are there restrictions on how fellows can use the money?

The fellowship honorarium is \$5,000 and will be paid in two installments of \$2,500 throughout the fellowship term (once at the midpoint and once at the end of the program). There are no restrictions on how fellows can use this money.

8. How will fellows be selected?

A number of factors will be considered during application review, including:

- The freshness of your responses to the application questions;
- Your ability to commit approximately 15 hours per month to the fellowship, based on your current professional commitments and ability to balance competing priorities;
- The ways in which you can contribute to the fellowship's goal of highlighting innovative thinkers and authentic voices from the field about issues that really matter.

9. How many fellows will be selected?

Up to 8 fellows will be selected.

10. What is the deadline for applying to the fellowship?

The deadline to apply for the fellowship is Friday, March 20, at 11:59 p.m. PT.

11. When will I be notified if I have been accepted for the fellowship?

You will be notified in late April 2026 if you have been accepted for the fellowship. Please note that we may contact you for additional information after the application deadline; however, any outreach does not constitute acceptance or rejection.

12. How is this fellowship funded?

This fellowship is funded by the [Learning Commons](#). It is part of the EdSurge Voices of Change project to chronicle diverse educator experiences. EdSurge maintains editorial control over all content produced as part of this project. All stories will feature a disclosure at the bottom. EdSurge and ISTE+ASCD will be running the fellowship independent of the influence of the [Learning Commons](#).

13. Where do I apply?

You can find more information about the fellowship and the application on the [Voices of Change Fellowship website](#).

Still have questions? Email us at fellowship@edsurge.com.