



The

# Postsecondary

State Career Technical Education  
Leaders Fellowship at **ADVANCE** CTE

Sponsored by **ECMC**  
Foundation

## Background

State Career Technical Education (CTE) systems face the dual challenge of a growing shortage of postsecondary leaders and significant representational diversity gaps, particularly racial diversity. Postsecondary CTE leadership must reflect the 3.5 million learners it serves to ensure each learner has the means to succeed in the career of their choice.

## Fellowship Purpose and Structure

Advance CTE and ECMC Foundation's new Fellowship strives to close racial representation gaps and remove equity barriers to career advancement for aspiring leaders historically underrepresented in CTE leadership.

Advance CTE—ECMCF Fellows will gain strategic, equity-minded leadership skills and build networks address systemic inequities and advance high-quality, equitable state postsecondary CTE systems through:

- Interactive, in-depth virtual workshop with a curriculum rooted in quality, equity and collaboration
- Intentional spaces to build relationships with Fellows, national CTE leaders and the [ECMCF CTE Leadership Collaborative](#)
- Individualized coaching
- Program stipend
- Organizational convenings and presentations
- Completion of real-world fellowship project in their community

## 2021-2023 Fellowship Cohort

The inaugural 15-member Fellowship cohort (LINK) hails from 12 states, includes 13 professionals of color, and represents multiple dimensions of equity historically underrepresented in CTE, including race and ethnicity, geography, sexual orientation and gender identity. Applications for the second cohort will open in Spring 2022.

Tara Bordeaux, Texas

Justin Chin, Oregon

Dr. Kristin Corkhill, Georgia

Heather Covington, North Carolina

Rich Crosby, Texas

Dr. La-Tonya Dixon, Alabama

Dr. Dimitria Harding, Minnesota

Raymond James, South Carolina

Carlos Lopez, Colorado

Jean Claude Mbomeda, California

Curtis Scales, Arkansas

Yolanda Grant Terrell, Alabama

Donald Walker, Michigan

Tony Warren, Michigan

Janelle Washington, Illinois

## National Advisory Committee

The Fellowship is supported by a national advisory committee of 14 leaders across education, industry and workforce, including 8 leaders of color, who provide guidance on program structure, outreach and participant selection.

## Lead Organizations

### [About Advance CTE](#)

Advance CTE is the longest-standing national non-profit that represents State Directors and state leaders responsible for secondary, postsecondary and adult Career Technical Education (CTE) across all 50 states and U.S. territories.

### [About ECMC Foundation](#)

ECMC Foundation is a Los Angeles-based, nationally focused foundation with a mission to inspire and to facilitate improvements that affect educational outcomes—especially among underserved populations—through evidence-based innovation and investments in College Success and Career Readiness. It is one of several affiliates under ECMC Group.

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