

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE Facilitator Fellowship

## WHAT is the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI)?

THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (YLI) is a convening of youth leaders, adult allies, and educators from across New England whose shared vision of education equity is grounded in a model that places students at the center of their own learning. With the generous support of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, YLI attendees come together annually to **build understanding and support for student-centered learning, develop relationships, share learning, and undertake action planning** for work in the upcoming school year.

The 2016 Youth Leadership Institute (#YLI2016) will be the fourth annual gathering, and we expect over 150 attendees from cities and towns across New England.

### YLI PLANNING TEAMS

YLI is planned each year by a team of youth leaders representing communities from across New England. They work to ensure that the content and design of YLI is rooted in the interests of attending youth and adult allies. For #YLI2016, we are also working with a Teacher Planning Team to support the intentional integration of educators into the YLI learning space.

## WHAT is the YLI Facilitator Fellowship?

As YLI has grown, so has the need for youth and adult allies who will support and nurture participants during their time at YLI. We work hard to personalize the experience for individuals and teams that attend YLI and need enthusiastic facilitators who are deeply committed to promoting youth voice and power at #YLI2016. Facilitators will participate in a YLI Facilitator Fellowship experience that will both support their success at #YLI2016 and develop skills important for youth voice allies and education professionals.

The YLI Facilitator Fellowship experience offers three core opportunities:

#### FUN

**Relationship building** with other youth and adult leaders excited about the power of youth voice in our public education system

#### SKILLS

**Training and experience** important for professional development and career opportunities

#### STIPENDS

We value your time and expertise. We offer **stipends** for your commitment to the success of #YLI2016

## WHEN is #YLI2016?

#YLI2016 is **August 9–12** at the **University of Massachusetts Amherst**. YLI Facilitator Fellows are also required to attend a one-and-a-half-day **training session on July 30 and 31** in **Providence, Rhode Island**, prior to #YLI2016. This training will include an orientation to YLI, relationship development, skill building, and training for ensuring success at #YLI2016.

All travel and accommodation costs are fully covered by the fellowship.

## Stipends

YLI Facilitator Fellows receive stipends according to their commensurate experience in the field of education and/or youth leadership development. In your application, please note which level of experience you have.

- \$1,500** Three or more years as a full-time educator or community-based youth worker
- \$1,250** Graduate student and/or one to two years as a young professional in education or youth programming
- \$1,000** YLI alumni in college or college student with a focus in education or social justice and a commitment to a grantee community (see list above)

## Grantee Communities

Youth and adult allies attending #YLI2016 come from communities across New England. Currently, grantees are from the communities of:

- **Connecticut:** Hartford, Meriden, and New London
- **Maine:** Portland and Lewiston
- **Massachusetts:** Boston and Revere
- **New Hampshire:** Manchester and Pittsfield
- **Rhode Island:** Providence
- **Vermont:** Burlington and Winooski

## How to Apply

Please send your resume and a completed application to [Alexa\\_LeBoeuf@brown.edu](mailto:Alexa_LeBoeuf@brown.edu). All application materials are due by **5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2016**. We will notify applicants of decisions by mid-May. Thank you – we look forward to reading your application and learning more about you!

# #YLI2016 YOUTH FACILITATOR FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

We seek to build a YLI Facilitator Fellowship team that is representative of the diverse experiences, backgrounds, and identities of YLI participants. Please answer the questions below regarding your identity to the extent you feel comfortable doing so.

1. What is your name?

2. Where do you currently work and/or attend school?

3. How do you identify racially and/or ethnically?

4. What is your gender identity?

5. Tell us a bit about yourself: Where did you grow up? What are your interests?  
What are you passionate about?

6. Why does work in education interest you?

7. Why do you believe that youth voice and leadership are important for education reform?

8. Why are equity and social justice important to you? How are they important to education reform efforts?

9. What skills and experiences do you hope to gain through the YLI Facilitator Fellowship?