



WHY SHOULD LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS PARTICIPATE IN ELI?

The Early Leadership Institute (ELI) offers local associations an opportunity to connect and engage new and early career educators in their local association. The program not only builds more engaged members but cultivates future association leaders. ELI fellows have gone on to serve as association representatives, committee members and on executive boards.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS FOR A LOCAL ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATING IN ELI?

Local associations must commit to being fully engaged in the ELI program to see desired outcomes. Here are the responsibilities of a local association participating in ELI:

- Identify an ELI coach to lead the program in the local association.
- Along with the ELI coach, recruit fellows who meet the selection criteria.
- Provide information and support to ELI coach and fellows as they learn about the Association, research issues of concern to new educators and develop a plan of action.
- Review and provide feedback to the Leadership and Engagement Action Plan (LEAP) developed by the fellows.
- President attend or send a representative to the ELI kickoff event.
- Find existing and new leadership opportunities for ELI fellows upon program completion.

WHAT SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS PARTICIPATING IN ELI?

ISTA and NEA developed the ELI program to support and assist local associations in reaching new and early career educators. A local association will have access to resources, guidance and training to ensure the program succeeds.

Additionally, each participating local receives a stipend to defray the cost of meetings, mileage, etc. ISTA provides the curriculum and training for ELI coaches. The ELI hub coordinator is available to provide support and answer questions.



WHAT IS THE CRITERITA FOR A LOCAL ASSOCIATION APPLYING FOR ELI?

All interested local associations are encouraged to apply, but preference will be given to local associations meeting the following criteria:

- Fifty or more members of their bargaining unit who are within the first five years of their careers.
- Recruit a dedicated ELI coach.
- Ability to commit to a full cohort of 12 ELI fellows to participate.
- Commit to recruiting a diverse cohort.
- Preference given to local associations currently in the ELI program, who meet all other criteria.

Apply to participate in ELI at ista-in.org/ELI.