

INDIANAPOLIS PRINCIPAL FELLOWSHIP

This partnership between the Columbia Teachers College and Teach For America • Indianapolis is a fast-track path to school leadership that prepares Teach For America alumni to become principals in Indianapolis.

This year, up to 12 exceptional candidates who demonstrate their long-term commitment to public education and desire to lead in Indianapolis will be selected for the fellowship.

What is the fellowship?

For two consecutive summers, Indianapolis Principal Fellows attend a rigorous six-week session at Columbia's Summer Principals Academy tuition-free and assume a full-time administrative position in Indianapolis during the school year between.

Who are we looking for?

The Indianapolis Principal Fellowship seeks candidates who are:

- exceptional educators with significant experience and demonstrated success of leading students to significant academic gains in an urban education environment
- proven leaders with relationship-building capabilities and experience in instructional leadership roles and community leadership positions
- committed to long-term school leadership, urban schools, and education in Indianapolis

Why Indianapolis?

We are at an unparalleled moment in our fight to close the achievement gap in Indianapolis. Recent education reform initiatives, led by our growing alumni force, recently resulted in Bellwether Education Partners ranking Indiana as the number one state for education reform in the country.* Just entering our sixth year as a Teach For America region, Indianapolis has nearly 500 corps members and alumni working across all sectors. In 2012, Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard appointed Jason Kloth (Rio Grande Valley Corps '03) as Indianapolis' first Deputy Mayor of Education and a number of alumni serve in key support roles to the Deputy Mayor, including chief of staff and director of charter schools. Currently, 34 alumni are leading schools as school system leaders, principals, or assistant principals. Even more alumni are working as instructional leaders, veteran teachers, and civic leaders.

Where can I learn more?

Contact Jason Simons at jason.simons@teachforamerica.org for more information about the Fellowship.

Visit www.tc.edu/summerprincipal for more information on the Columbia Summer Principals Academy.

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Meet Two Fellows

Ian Yearwood
(Indianapolis
Corps '09) was a
2011 Indianapolis
Principal Fellow.

Ian is the founding principal of Vision Academy at Riverside, set to open in fall 2014.

"The opportunity to lead a school in Indianapolis is incredibly exciting. It's a total shift in mindset. Instead of focusing on providing a space for 26 scholars to develop their own thoughts and opinions, I'm now thinking about how to engage a staff full of teachers and neighborhoods full of families in ways to support the growth of their scholars. It's a tremendous challenge, but I've never learned so much in my life."



Sabina Claude
(Metro Atlanta
Corps '05) is
one of five 2013
Indianapolis
Principal Fellows.
She is the assistant
principal at Carl

Wilde Elementary (School 79) in
Indianapolis Public Schools.

"As a school leader in Indianapolis, I am thrilled to be part of the collective work that has begun to impact student achievement and teacher effectiveness. The Indianapolis educational movement is unique in so many ways. Given the level of talent, enthusiasm, collaboration, and commitment expressed by the Indianapolis Teach For America staff, Indianapolis corps members, and other Indianapolis fellows, I know that there are endless possibilities for success among students in Indianapolis."