



API Community Leadership Institute 2015-2016 Mentor Application

The Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Institute (API-CLI) was founded in 2011 with the vision of building the leadership capacity of community leaders and of building collaborative alliances and partnerships among Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities to address racial and ethnic disparities. The Institute is led by Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)/Asian Family Center in partnership with the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO). It is one of six culturally-specific leadership programs funded by the Meyer Memorial Trust through the Coalition of Communities of Color.

As part of the API-CLI experience, all fellows are matched with an appropriate mentor, an Asian and Pacific Islander professional or community leader. Mentors support API-CLI participants in developing their leadership skills, provide a one-on-one space to reflect on the participant's API-CLI experience, and share expertise from their own leadership journeys and experience addressing racial disparities in API communities in Oregon.

NOTE: If you are selected as a mentor, we will make every effort to match you with a participant. At the same time, please be advised that there might not be a good participant match this year.

Application is due Friday, August 7. Please return to Kara Carmosino at kara@apano.org, or the APANO Office at 2788 SE 82nd Ave, Suite 203, Portland OR 97266.

Contact Info and Demographics:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Job Title: _____

Employer/Organization: _____

Ethnic Identity: _____

Language(s) Spoken: _____

Age Range (please circle): 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 Over 65

Gender Identity:

- Female
- Gender Queer
- Male
- Trans
- Other: _____

Sexual Orientation:

- Bisexual
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Queer
- Straight/Heterosexual
- Prefer not to disclose
- Don't know/don't understand the question
- Other: _____

Have you been involved with API-CLI in the past?

- Yes, as a fellow in a previous cohort
- Yes, as a mentor
- Yes, as a Steering Committee member
- Yes, as staff, evaluator, trainer or guest facilitator
- No, but I am excited to participate this year

Details:

Please attach your answers with no more than two paragraphs per each question.

1. Why do you believe it is important to cultivate leadership in Asian and Pacific Islander communities?

2. Tell us about your work, education or life experiences that relate to community leadership and advocacy, including any cultural organizations you have worked with.

3. Describe an experience you have had as a mentor or mentee. What worked or didn't work? What do you see at the role of mentorship?

4. Please share a short bio of 3-5 sentences, which will be shared with the 2015-2016 API Community Leadership Institute fellows.

Commitment:

The API Community Leadership Institute is an eight-month commitment for both fellows and for mentors. Ongoing support through the year is vital to the success of the participants in the program. Please confirm your commitment as a mentor.

If selected, will you be able to attend a required orientation session? (Please note: The in-person orientation will follow an optional mingle hour with new API Community Leadership Institute fellows. Travel reimbursement may be available.)

- Yes, I will attend the in-person orientation on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 1-2 PM at Asian Family Center (SE 82nd and Sandy, Portland)
- Yes, I will attend a call-in webinar from 5-6 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 15
- No, I cannot attend either and commit to making up the session one-on-one

Are you interested in attending either of the below optional events? (Response will not impact the likelihood of your acceptance.)

- Mingle hour with new fellows on Sat, Sept. 12 from 12-1 PM at Namaste Indian Cuisine (8303 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland)
- Successful Mentoring Workshop at the end of September (APANO, 2788 SE 82nd Ave, Portland)
- I would like to attend one or both depending on date/am not sure of my schedule yet

Do you commit to meeting with your assigned mentee once a month, either in person, over the phone or over video chat?

- Yes, I commit to meeting with my mentee once a month from November 2015 through March 2016 (5 meetings total)

Do you commit to alerting API-CLI staff within a timely fashion should your ability to meet with your mentee once a month change for any reason?

- Yes, I commit to notifying API-CLI staff within a timely fashion to ensure my mentee can be matched with someone else and still have a positive mentoring experience

Will you be able to attend the API-CLI graduation, to celebrate your mentee's success?

- Yes, I will attend the graduation on Saturday, April 9 from 12-3:30 PM (location TBA in Portland or Salem)
- I am not sure yet but will find another way to support and celebrate my mentee's completion of the program if I cannot attend
- No, I cannot make it, but will find another way to support and celebrate my mentee's completion of the program

Thank you so much for applying to be a mentor for the API Community Leadership Institute's 2015-2016 cohort of fellows! Please contact Kara Carmosino at kara@apano.org or 971-340-4861 with any follow-up questions. You will be notified of next steps by Monday, August 17.