

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2018

TO: Deans, Chairs and School Directors

FROM: John Bertot, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
Laura Rosenthal, Director for Faculty Leadership

SUBJECT: Call for Nominations: Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program, 2018-2019

The Office of the Provost encourages each college to nominate at least one tenured faculty member for participation in the Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program (ALP). Nominees can include current administrators and/or faculty members who have demonstrated exceptional ability, administrative promise, and a desire to pursue administrative opportunities. The goal of this program is to develop outstanding leaders from within our institution. We define academic leadership broadly, from chairing a department committee to serving at the highest levels of university administration. Big Ten Academic Alliance institutions have found this to be a valuable program, with many ALP Fellows taking key administrative positions at Big Ten institutions. The Provost will provide funding support for five individuals to participate in the 2018-2019 Academic Leadership Program. The eligibility criteria are listed below.

To learn more about the Big Ten Academic Alliance ALP, you may visit the website at <http://www.btaa.org/leadership/alp/introduction>.

Program Background

Established in 1989, the ALP develops the leadership and executive skills of academic administrators and faculty members on Big Ten Academic Alliance campuses. The ALP specializes in cultivating leadership skills for administration at major research universities. Participants also gain a clearer understanding of the challenges currently facing such institutions.

Program Expectations

Participants are expected to attend three 3-day off-campus seminars at Big Ten institutions, as well as monthly meetings for briefings before and/or after each seminar. These often include discussions with campus leaders. Fellows are also encouraged to attend on-campus New Administrator Workshops and Academic Leadership Forums. Fellows must be available to

attend all of the off-campus seminars. In 2018-2019, the seminar dates and locations are as follows:

- **Seminar I:** October 11-13, 2018 – University of Minnesota
- **Seminar II:** February 7-9, 2019 – Purdue University
- **Seminar III:** April 11-13, 2019 – University of Illinois

Eligibility

Nominees should be tenured faculty at the University of Maryland, normally at the level of Professor. They should have demonstrated exceptional ability as faculty members and have an interest in and potential for administration.

Nomination Process

Deans should submit the following to Michele Frazier (mfraz@umd.edu) by April 13, 2018:

- Letter from the applicant explaining why he or she would like to participate in the Academic Leadership Program (2-page limit).
- Letter of nomination from the Dean.

The University of Maryland and Big Ten Academic Alliance reaffirm their commitment to diversity by strongly encouraging the nomination of women and faculty of color.

Criteria for Selection

- Evidence of academic excellence.
- Evidence of interest in academic administration, leadership issues, or challenges in higher education. Having a formal leadership role is not a criterion for selection.
- Ability to present a coherent statement relating the Fellowship's personal and professional benefits to the needs of the University and the mission of the academic unit.
- Evidence of endorsement from the Dean.

A committee of Associate Provosts will select the participants.

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