Our Apprentice Fellows cohort is selected biennially. We are currently accepting applications for the next cohort of Fellows. Please read the process below and contact Michelle Burrows, Program Director, at michelle.burrows@ncdcr.gov or (919) 814-6503 for more information.

1) Contact A+ Schools Program Director Michelle Burrows to express your interest:
   Email michelle.burrows@ncdcr.gov or call (919) 814-6503. Most A+ Fellows come to us through the recommendation of a current A+ Fellow, a N.C. Arts Council staff member, an administrator in an A+ school, a local arts or education organization, or an A+ friend.

2) All potential A+ Fellows are required to submit the following materials (deadline is March 2, 2020):
   - Cover letter
   - Current resume
   - Letter of recommendation from a principal, supervisor, current A+ Fellow or N.C. Arts Council staff member
   Note: A video showing the applicant teaching students or adults will be required at a later date.

3) Register to attend one of three initial information sessions in February 2020. Registration form must be completed and received by Feb. 1, 2020. Determine if being an A+ Fellow is right for you. We’ll be determining if you are a good fit for current A+ needs.
   - Tuesday, Feb. 18 in Charlotte from 5 to 7 p.m. (location TBD)
   - Saturday, Feb. 22 in Raleigh from 1 to 3 p.m. (location TBD)
   - Tuesday, Feb. 25 in Fayetteville from 5 to 7 p.m. (location TBD)

4) Attend two days of Apprentice Fellows’ training, by invitation, on Saturday, March 21 and Saturday, April 4, 2020, in Raleigh. Process, ask questions, reflect, explore your expertise and areas for growth. Determine if A+ is still a good fit for you. We will do the same.

5) Become an Apprentice Fellow by invitation. Attend the Spring A+ Fellows Planning Meeting May 2-3, 2020, in Raleigh.

6) “Shadow” veteran A+ Fellows during the summer A+ Conferences and Institutes and onsite professional development, observing, assisting and questioning.

7) Enjoy the opportunity to “sit on your expertise” while observing A+ processes. Reflect and grow along the way to becoming an A+ Fellow. Each Apprentice Fellow is invited to become an A+ Fellow on an individualized time frame. Some Apprentice Fellows move quickly into the Fellows role, while others take longer to build their understanding, comfort and experience.

Helpful Documents (links available on A+ website)
Potential A+ Fellows Information Session Registration Form
Characteristics of A+ Fellows
A+ Fellows: Q & A

Materials for application for the spring 2020 cohort of potential Apprentice Fellows will be accepted through March 2, 2020.

2020 New Apprentice Fellows Process Calendar
(all events are by invitation only; attendance is required in order to be considered as an Apprentice Fellow)
February 1, 2020 – Information session registration form due to A+ Schools
February 2020 – Potential A+ Fellows Information Sessions in Charlotte, Raleigh and Fayetteville
March 21 and April 4, 2020 – Potential A+ Fellows Training, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Raleigh
May 2-3, 2020 – Spring A+ Fellows Planning Meeting, Raleigh

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