BLC Leads 2027 Supplemental Statement of Support

In order to be considered for the 2027 BLC Leads Fellowship, applicants must receive a statement of support from their Director, Dean, or University Librarian (or equivalent). Please submit this statement on your candidate's behalf here by February 1, 2027.

Who can I turn to with questions? Reach out to Cate Harriman, BLC Program Manager for Learning and Development, at charriman@blc.org with any questions.

Your Name:
Applicant Name:
Institution:

BLC Leads requires a substantial time commitment from the participants. Please confirm that you will support the applicant's participation in all BLC Leads activities, including:

- Leadership Institute (June 14-16, 2027)
- Weekly virtual sessions on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 PM ET (June 23, 2027 to November 10, 2027)
- Virtual Workshops (July 14, August 11, September 8, October 6, and November 3, 2027 from 1 - 2:30 pm ET, respectively)
- Site visits (July 28 and October 20, 2027, respectively)
- Fellows' Summit (November 16-18, 2027)

☐ Yes
☐ No

Member institutions are responsible for the program fees associated with BLC Leads. The program fee is $3,850 and includes lodging and meals during program activities.

BLC is committed to making BLC Leads accessible to all member institutions, fostering a diverse community of leaders irrespective of their financial capacities. Recognizing that some institutions may encounter challenges in covering the full cost, we've established the BLC Leads Fund to further reduce the program fee.

What is the minimum level of support your institution would need to support this applicant participating in BLC Leads?

- ☐ 100% of the Program Fee
- ☐ 75% of the Program Fee
- ☐ 50% of the Program Fee
- ☐ 25% of the Program Fee
- ☐ None. My institution can pay the full program fee of $3,850.

My institution can provide travel support to assist this applicant in traveling to and from the program locations.

The program fee does not include travel to and from the program locations; however, BLC maintains a small pool of funds to support Fellows who require additional travel funding beyond the support available from their institution, and lack of travel support from an institution does not preclude an applicant.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If this applicant is accepted, BLC will invoice your member institution for the program fee of each participant in either June or July of 2027. Please select your preference below.

- ☐ June 2027 (FY27)
- ☐ July 2027 (FY28)

BLC Leads is a learning community of library leaders advancing collaborative action in the workplace and accelerating leadership journeys.

BLC Leads builds on the strengths of the consortium to center peer-to-peer support and maximize opportunities to embed emerging leaders in the diversity of individual and organizational leadership journeys arrayed across BLC's member institutions.

BLC Leads' combination of instruction, engagement with BLC leaders and alumni, small-group learning, and site visits over the course of six months positions mid-level library professionals to scale their leadership responsibilities and/or to grow their leadership skills within their current position. BLC Leads positions Fellows to:

1. Co-create a collaborative learning community of trusted peers to engage challenging topics, take risks, fail, and grow;
2. Gain deep, authentic exposure to a wide range of library leaders and their leadership journeys, approaches, contexts, challenges, and successes;
3. Reflect upon and characterize their leadership journey and identity, drawing upon both personal experience and established leadership theories, concepts, skills, and assessments; and
4. Adapt and adopt promising practices in order to advance collaborative action within their library and across their institution.

Describe how BLC Leads will benefit this applicant and your institution. *Please answer in 200 words or less.*

Describe any concerns you have about this applicant's ability to participate fully and constructively in BLC Leads. How can BLC Leads support this applicant's experience and development? *Please answer in 200 words or less.*

Please share any additional information you would like us to know about this applicant (optional). *Please answer in 200 words or less.*