

NIET Fellows Program 2025-2026 FAQ

1. Who is eligible to apply?
 - Applicants should be full-time teacher leaders (instructional coach, Master Teacher, etc.) in the 2025-26 school year.
 - Applicants should have at least 3 years' experience in a full-time teacher leader role.
2. What is the date/location of the required July 2025 Boot Camp? Is there a makeup opportunity?
 - Boot Camp for the 2025-26 NIET Fellows Program will take place July 14-18, 2025 in Scottsdale, AZ. There is not a make-up opportunity for this. If you are interested in the NIET Fellows Program but are unsure if you can attend these dates, you are encouraged to still apply.
3. What are the dates and locations of the 2026 NIET National Conference and 2026 NIET Summer Institute?
 - The specific dates and locations of these events will be announced during the NIET Fellows Program.
4. What expenses are associated with the NIET Fellows Program? If accepted, will I be responsible for paying the registration and travel fees associated with the Boot Camp, National Conference, and Summer Institute?
 - All required travel expenses incurred through program participation will be paid by NIET. Additionally, NIET will pay registration costs for the National Conference and NIET Summer Institute.
5. I see that NIET Fellows will engage in onsite shadowing. How much time is spent doing this and in what area will this be?
 - Fellows should anticipate shadowing an NIET Senior Specialist for up to five days during the school year in the fellow's region.
6. I see that NIET Fellows receive a \$7,500 stipend. What parameters are there for how this can be used?
 - The stipend has no parameters for how it is used. It does not need to be used to cover travel expenses associated with program participation because NIET covers all required travel expenses.
 - The offer to be an NIET Fellow does not constitute an offer of employment from NIET.
7. What assignments will fellows be required to complete?
 - While maintaining their employment as a full-time district employee, fellows will:
 - Deepen their knowledge of NIET's systems of improvement
 - Attend a five day in person Boot Camp July 14-18, 2025

- Shadow NIET Senior Specialists providing support to other districts regionally for up to five days during the school year
 - Attend virtual learning experiences throughout the program year
 - Write one blog post that will be used on NIET's social media
 - Create one video that contributes to the field of teacher leadership
 - Assist with and attend the NIET National Conference
 - Assist with and attend NIET Summer Institute (NSI)
8. How many fellows are being selected?
- We anticipate a cohort of 10-15 NIET Fellows.
9. I am having trouble accessing the Google form application. I get an error message that says I cannot open the form due to not having permission to open it.
- This is likely due to a firewall issue within your district. Please speak with your IT department. If the issue persists, email fellows@niet.org to discuss alternative routes for completing the application.
10. What will happen if I get selected and my position changes for next school year?
- The program is designed to support teacher leaders, so ideally NIET Fellows will remain in teacher-leader roles throughout the fellowship.