

## CSC Leadership Program 2007

Strong leadership is a quality that every organization needs in order to thrive. It is a quality that needs to be nurtured and encouraged in order for new leaders to emerge.

The Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (CSCTFL) has developed a program to identify and utilize the expertise of experienced leaders in the field (leadership mentors) who support and guide emerging leaders (leadership fellows) in developing and leading a project team and in taking a more active role in the profession.

**WHO MAY PARTICIPATE:** Any state foreign language organization within our 17 central states may participate in the CSC Leadership Program.

Language educators in our central states region can participate in one of three ways:

1. identify colleagues from your school, district, association, or geographic region whom you would consider to have leadership potential and support them in developing a proposal;
2. develop a project proposal with the support of a state world language organization and participate as a leadership fellow;
3. volunteer to serve as a leadership mentor by identifying your areas of professional and personal strength so that you can be matched to the projects and emerging leaders.

**COMMITMENT:** Fellows must commit to:

1. carrying out the project as proposed in their application within the timeline proposed,
2. attending two CSCTFL conferences, including the spring Central States Conference immediately following selection as a fellow and the Central States Conference the following spring, and
3. actively participating in Leadership seminars to explore the meaning and responsibilities of leadership and to work together with the group and mentors in designing and refining the project.

**SELECTION:** Selection as a Leadership Fellow is based on the leadership potential shown by the applicant, the value of the proposed project to others and the feasibility of the project. Mentors are then solicited based on their expertise and ability to support the fellow and the project. The application deadline for both fellows and mentors is **January 10, 2007**, with candidate selection occurring on **February 10, 2007**.

**FUNDING:** CSCTFL suggests the following sources for financial support:

1. state World Language associations
2. state departments of education
3. school districts mini-grants or professional development funds
4. CSCTFL grants program

A CSCTFL stipend is also awarded to each fellow to help cover the cost of attending each of the two CSCTFL conferences.

**RESULTS:** Previous projects have included providing professional development, increasing membership in state organizations and involvement in state meetings and other

state professional activities, implementing standards and/or assessments, building a state organization's leadership structure, participating in action research, and developing advocacy materials and efforts, K-16 articulation and state-wide initiatives.

**STATE PROJECT LEADER OBLIGATIONS:**

1. complete and submit the CSCTFL Leadership proposal
2. attend the Leadership seminar at the CSCTFL conference in 2007. Leadership seminars include information and activities focusing on:
  - o becoming an effective leader;
  - o developing and implementing a project action plan; and
  - o brainstorming with mentors to outline the project's steps and develop a timeline
3. summarize what has been completed during the project implementation year at the Leadership Session on Saturday morning at CSCTFL 2008
4. submit a short summary report upon completion of the project **by March 1, 2008**

**LEADERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM:** See below

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## CSC Leadership Application Form

Name:	Current Position and Institution:
Home Address:	Work Address:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:
Home Fax:	Work Fax:
E – mail:	Language(s) Taught:
Preferred Address: _____ Home _____ Work	Years in the teaching profession:

Memberships: I am currently a member of, or hold an office in the following professional organizations:

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Leadership Experience:

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If I am selected as a CSC Leadership Fellow, I agree to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_ The Central States Conference in Spring of 2007  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The Central States Conference in Spring of 2008

- A statement of no more than 1/2 page describing why you are interested in becoming a CSC Leadership Fellow.
- A statement of no more than 2 pages outlining your project that addresses the categories in the rubric.
- A current resume or Curriculum Vitae, including the names and contact information of at least two individuals who are acquainted with your work and leadership potential.
- Name of the State Language Organization endorsing the applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application by

**January 10, 2007**

to

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