



THE CINDY EDELMAN  
**EXCELLENCE**  
in Teaching Fellowship

The Cindy Edelman Excellence in Teaching Fellowship is an unprecedented opportunity for K-12 Duval County public school teachers to elevate their teaching careers through a professional learning activity of their choosing.

The Fellowship, launched in 2019, provides up to \$6,500 for individuals and up to \$10,000 for teams to design their own learning experience, including summer study, research or other enhancement of content knowledge.

For a successful application, keep in mind the following considerations:

- The fellowship is intended to help teachers refine their craft, remain excited about their work and bring their learning to other teachers in their schools.
- The fellowship is an opportunity for teachers to design a learning experience that will transform their classrooms.
- The fellowship is NOT designed to support or supplant graduate work.

## Frequently Asked Questions

*Am I eligible to apply for this grant?*

Any K-12 public school teacher in Duval County who has two years or more of experience and who is in the classroom at least 50 percent of the time is eligible to apply. Teachers from traditional and charter schools are welcome to apply.

*Where can I find more information about this grant?*

Please visit [www.jaxpef.org/edelman](http://www.jaxpef.org/edelman) for more information and to fill out the grant application.

*When will the winners be announced?*

Winners will be announced in March 2021, so that fellows have time to make plans for their professional development activities, especially if they're planned for the summer.

*Can I use this grant to pay for tuition?*

No. This grant is only for professional development opportunities that will directly impact the classroom. Graduate studies and other academic courses are not included.

*What is required of winners once they have completed their learning experience?*

Winners will be expected to share their learning with their colleagues and with the Edelman family, and to serve as an ambassador for the fellowship in the future.

*What types of projects are most likely to be selected?*

Teachers are encouraged to pursue professional learning opportunities that deepen their content knowledge and that provide them with experiences that can strengthen student engagement and the rigor of their classrooms. Examples of this would be professional learning experiences to bring innovative practices to schools, including the use of technology, visiting cultural and/or historical landmarks to craft authentic experiences in the classroom, or shadowing schools and teachers that are exemplars in their field. Given the restrictions on travel and large gatherings due to COVID-19, we encourage applicants to design projects that don't rely heavily on air travel or large in-person events. For suggestions for projects that follow social distancing guidelines, please visit [jaxpef.org/Edelman](http://jaxpef.org/Edelman).

*How will fellows receive the funds?*

Teachers can submit expenses for reimbursement through the Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF), or JPEF can help pay expenses up front so that fellows don't have to pay out of pocket for large costs.

*How can I apply for the grant in a team?*

Teams of teachers are welcome to apply for up to \$10,000. A team can be two or more teachers from the same school or a group of teachers across schools who share a professional interest or professional development goal. There is no maximum number of teachers who can make up a team — just so long as the team stays within the \$10,000 budget.

*Who administers the Cindy Edelman Excellence in Teaching Fellowship?*

The Cindy Edelman Excellence in Teaching Fellowship is an endowed fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, which means it will exist in perpetuity, awarding fellowships on an annual basis. JPEF administers the grant opportunity in partnership with The Community Foundation. If you have further questions, please reach out to Warren Buck, Director of Teacher Leadership, at [warren@jaxpef.org](mailto:warren@jaxpef.org) or at [jaxpef.org/Edelman](http://jaxpef.org/Edelman).