The Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English is pleased to announce a new fellowship opportunity: Bread Loaf Teacher Network Next Generation Leadership Fellowships. Through generous support from the Ford Foundation’s Youth Opportunity and Learning Initiative, fellowships will support teachers and community leaders in graduate study and networking to build youth capacity for social action literacy in order to better enable young people to be leaders in their communities.

The Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English, a summer graduate program tailored to K-12 English and Language Arts teachers, is renowned not only for its top quality education but also for its premier professional development network, the Bread Loaf Teacher Network (BLTN). BLTN brings together outstanding teachers in targeted states and supports innovative collaborations between teachers and their students – collaborations that put students at the center of the educational process. BLTN teachers work together to develop powerful pedagogies that link classrooms to community, reading and writing to the world (see www.middlebury.edu/blse/bltn and http://sites.middlebury.edu/bltnmag/).

BLTN’s NextGeneration Leadership Network (BLTN NextGen), supported by the Ford Foundation, builds on the powerful models of social action literacy pioneered by BLTN. (We encourage applicants to watch the video about the project at breadloafnextgen.org/about.) By networking across difference, BLTN NextGen promotes diverse activities, advocacy, and participatory research for youth in six distinct communities: in Vermont, Kentucky, South Carolina, Atlanta, the Navajo Nation, and Lawrence, Massachusetts. We are looking for outstanding public school teachers and community leaders who are interested in undertaking intensive graduate study at the Bread Loaf School of English as part of the BLTN NextGen program. Fellows will contribute their talent and ideas to the group’s cutting-edge initiatives year–round.

**Fellowships:** The Bread Loaf School of English is offering a limited number of special fellowships of up to $8,000 each for teachers in public schools or community leaders at the six BLTN NextGen sites. The fellowships will support summer study at the Bread Loaf School of English and year-round engagement in the BLTN NextGen program. Fellows will attend the Bread Loaf Vermont campus in summer 2018, will become active members of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network, and will collaborate with other BLTN NextGen teachers, mentors, and youth throughout the year on projects that link education to community and promote social justice.
Eligibility: All fellowship applicants must be community leaders or full-time teachers in a public high school or middle school in one of the six BLTN NextGen sites (Vermont, Kentucky, South Carolina, Atlanta, the Navajo Nation, and Lawrence, Massachusetts). Teachers must have completed a minimum of one year of teaching by June 2018 and must be teaching in a public school during the 2018-19 academic year. Community leaders must demonstrate a sustained commitment to creating youth-centered opportunities. Applicants must also apply for admission to the Bread Loaf School of English.

Fellowship Obligations:

- During the academic year, we invite and expect all fellows to contribute to the development of the BLTN NextGen online presence at http://breadloafnextgen.org. We ask you to participate in regular online conversations, assisting youth in developing literacy skills related to social action work, and assisting them as well in participating in conversations about their local work across the NextGen network and beyond.

- Fellows must enroll in two graduate courses at the Bread Loaf campus in Vermont. New fellows take one designated Group 1 course in writing, pedagogy, or literacy (contact Dana Olsen at dolsen@middlebury.edu for course options).

- All fellows must participate in weekly BLTN campus meetings and collaborate with other BLTN NextGen teachers, mentors, and youth on projects that will support youth leadership and civic engagement. These projects can become the basis for an Independent Reading Project, which carries one unit (three semester hours) of course credit.

- Fellows must submit three reports on their BLTN NextGen projects and activities:
  - Before the end of classes at their campus: a report on Bread Loaf courses and summer work, detailing BLTN NextGen plans for 2018-19
  - February 1, 2019: a progress report on their projects and BLTN NextGen activities
  - June 15, 2019: a final report on their projects and BLTN NextGen activities

- Fellows must acknowledge the Bread Loaf School of English, BLTN NextGen, and the Ford Foundation fellowship in all publications and presentations resulting from their fellowship year.

Award notifications: Fellowship recipients will be chosen and notified on a rolling basis beginning March 1, 2018.