



Middlebury Bread Loaf
School of English

TEACHING, WRITING, AND ACTING FOR CHANGE FELLOWSHIPS

The Change Initiative. As part of a Middlebury initiative on conflict transformation, the Bread Loaf School of English is offering a new curriculum on Teaching, Writing, and Acting for Change at our Vermont campus. The 2022 curriculum consists of three courses – Writing, Identity, Change; Transcultural Literacies; and Creative Practice: Reimagining the Classroom – that will meet independently and jointly across the summer. Our aim is to engage a networked cohort of teachers in the investigation and development of practices for negotiating within and across difference, navigating conflict, and catalyzing social activism and cultural change.

Fellowships. We are pleased to offer a number of \$10,000 Teaching, Writing, and Acting for Change Fellowships to cover summer study at Bread Loaf Vermont for teachers who will be involved in this initiative. Fellows must enroll in two courses (two units of graduate credit), including one from the Change curriculum. They will become active, year-round participants in the Bread Loaf Teacher Network (BLTN), a state-of-the-art professional development network fostering pedagogical innovation, teacher research, and social action teaching and learning. During the 2022-23 academic year, Change Fellows will pursue a BLTN project that they will develop out of their Change coursework, in collaboration with BLTN peers, and put into action in their schools or communities. These projects will be supported by Change resources and may include class visits by Change and other BLSE faculty or collaborations with actors from Bread Loaf's Beyond the Page program, which brings theater practices into classrooms as a vehicle for connection, creative expression, and critical inquiry.

Eligibility. Fellowship applicants must be full-time teachers who have completed at least one year of teaching by June 2022 and who will be teaching during the 2022-23 academic year. We also welcome applications from community educators who have been educating youth in an official capacity (e.g. after-school programs) for at least one year and who will continue that work during the fellowship year. Applicants must be admitted to or re-enrolled in the BLSE program for 2022-23.

Fellowship Obligations.

- Fellows must enroll in two courses at the Bread Loaf Vermont campus, including one from the Teaching, Writing, and Acting for Change curriculum.
- They must become active members of BLTN, attending weekly meetings during the summer, and designing and pursuing a BLTN project during the academic year, under the mentorship of Change and BLTN faculty and staff.
- Each fellow will submit three reports on their projects and will share their completed work with other BLTN members at the end of the fellowship year, through a venue of their choice.

Award Notifications. Fellowship applications will be reviewed and awards announced in early March. Fellowships applications should be submitted by February 15, 2022.