

## Team Leader Information

The team leader questions should be completed for the primary contact person/designated team leader for the Institute on Interfaith Excellence (IIE).

Be prepared to tell us about any prior involvement or experience you have leading interfaith efforts on campus.

Confirm your understanding that, as team leader for the IIE, you will be expected to:

- convene meetings with my teammates before, during, and after the Institute;
- submit all required paperwork, including but not limited to, MOAs, project updates, and reports;
- manage and report on any changes to the project team;
- serve as a liaison to AAC&U and Interfaith America staff overseeing the IIE.

## Team Member Information

To participate in the IIE, you must assemble a project team that includes at least one faculty member and one senior academic officer whose role is relevant to the campus project you plan to pursue. Please keep in mind that involvement and buy-in from institutional leaders is essential for achieving and sustaining campus-wide change. To this end, we encourage you to consider including provosts, deans, or student affairs administrators on your team.

Please be ready to list the names, email addresses, and campus roles of four additional colleagues who will serve on your project team. We will use this information to send them a brief team member application.

Describe your rationale for choosing the team members you listed, including:

- What steps you have taken to ensure the team reflects diverse perspectives and identities
- What distinct skills or experiences these individuals bring to your team
- How this group of individuals is positioned to effect campus-wide change
- How members of this team have worked together in the past

If you'd like to invite additional team members beyond those listed earlier, add the **names, email addresses, and campus roles** of those individuals and explain why you would like to include them.

## President's Authorization

You will be asked to affirm that the president of your institution has agreed to the terms of participation for the [2023 Institute on Teaching and Learning for Campus-wide Interfaith Excellence](#) and will send a project team to the Institute should your application be accepted.

## Application Questions

The Institute on Interfaith Excellence (IIE) prepares college and university leaders to transform their campuses into model environments for interfaith cooperation, which is achieved through respect for diverse identities, mutually inspiring relationships across lines of difference, and a shared commitment to the common good. During the IIE (July 13 & 18-21), participating teams receive guidance from faculty mentors and other experts in the field as they formulate context-specific action plans for interfaith cooperation across the institution. Campus teams are expected to implement their action plans in the year following the IIE with ongoing support from AAC&U and Interfaith America. You should be prepared to answer the following application questions:

- What has motivated you to strengthen your campus-wide commitment to interfaith cooperation (e.g., assessment results, faculty or staff interest, student demographics)?
- What is your institution's current level of investment in interfaith cooperation (e.g., holding initial conversations, implementing or scaling up initiatives, assessing outcomes)?
- The IIE focuses on four themes:
  - 1) Interfaith studies in the curriculum
  - 2) Religious identity and diversity priorities
  - 3) Staff and faculty competencies
  - 4) Strategic planning for interfaith cooperationWhich of these will be priorities for your institution? What type of assistance are you seeking in these areas?
- What key challenges do you anticipate as you move toward a campus-wide commitment to interfaith cooperation (e.g., resource constraints, lack of religious diversity on campus, institutional identity or culture)? Describe 1-3 specific strategies you have for addressing these challenges.
- In the application review process, priority will be given to proposals that:
  - 1) Articulate how interfaith efforts will align with existing strategic priorities, including other diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice priorities
  - 2) Build on existing religious diversity and inclusion efforts or bridgebuilding initiatives
  - 3) Demonstrate buy-in from senior leaders, faculty, and other key stakeholders
  - 4) Include a strong curricular emphasis

With these priorities in mind, please describe why your institution is well suited for the IIE.

- Which AAC&U Institutes have members of your institution attended before? For example: Institute on Integrated Learning and Signature Work (ILSW), Institute on General Education and Assessment (IGEA), Institute on High Impact Practices and Student Success (HIPs).