



CADRE Early Career

Sample Fellows Orientation Agenda

DAY 1

- 8:30 am** **Informal Networking and Coffee**
- 9:00** **Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview**
- 9:20** **Overview of CADRE and the CADRE Fellows Program**
- 10:20** **Getting to Know CADREK12.org**
- CADRE staff introduces Fellows to the resources and functionality of the website.
- 10:45** **Break**
- 11:00** **A Conversation with Fellows Alumni**
- Past Fellows share their experiences in and beyond the CADRE Fellows program.
- 11:45** **Informal Networking and Lunch**
- 12:30 pm** **Looking Across NSF Resource Centers**
- Leaders of DRL program resource centers provide an overview of their networks.
- 1:00** **Career Timelines and Trajectories**
- Fellows learn about each other's interests, professional backgrounds, and career trajectories.
- 3:00** **Informal Networking: Leveraging Opportunities with Peers, Near-Peers, and Awardees**
- Fellows explore ways to build and use their networks.
- 3:45** **Break**
- 4:00** **A Conversation with STEM Researchers**
- Current NSF awardees share their experiences and respond to questions.
- 4:45** **Informal Networking and Follow-Up Conversation with Panelists**
- 5:00** **Adjourn**
- 6:00** **Informal Networking and Dinner**



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DAY 2

- 9:00 am** **Welcome, Reflections on Day 1**
- 9:30** **Welcome from an NSF Program Officer**
- 10:00** **Project Talks**
- Fellows provide a brief overview of their DRK-12 projects, followed by Q&A.
- 11:15** **Break**
- 11:30** **Project Talks Continue**
- 12:45 pm** **Networking Lunch and Group Picture**
- 1:30** **Discussion of Common Areas of Interest/Cross-cutting Themes**
- Fellows reflect on project talks, identify commonalities (e.g., across project work, academic pursuits, and professional growth needs and opportunities) that have emerged, and consider implications for the fellowship year.
- 2:00** **Planning for the Virtual Meeting Series**
- Fellows discuss issues and questions related to the topics (e.g., career trajectories, writing for publication, grant writing) to be addressed during the year.
- 2:45** **Group Assessment of Orientation**
- 3:15** **Wrap-up and Next Steps**
- 3:30** **Adjourn**