

BLI Executive Fellowship 2026 Program Schedule

The Institute for Nonprofit Practice (INP) is excited to host a fourth cohort of Fellows for its groundbreaking BLI Executive Fellowship, set to begin in January 2026! BLI combines national and regional convenings in a variety of in-person and virtual formats to ensure a comprehensive and transformative experience for all Fellows.

Regional Gatherings (In Person)

Regional gatherings are held in person each month for the Fellows in each BLI community (Boston, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York City, Providence, and Seattle); **the exact day of the month and timing will be determined by each regional cohort**. Each session will run for three hours. In addition to fostering connection in person and sharing a meal, these convenings will center on critical topics that enable leaders to identify and implement new strategies for having a greater impact in their communities. Fellows will explore multiple forms of power, currency, and exchange through the lenses of social, financial, knowledge, and cultural capital.

National Sessions (Virtual)

National sessions include all Fellows and are hosted virtually from 1-5 p.m. ET once a month, for approximately four hours (including breaks). Unpacking emerging concepts in social change, leadership, and community building, national sessions will regularly feature a variety of modalities to support Fellows in deepening their impact and influence. In these forums, Fellows will continue to explore multiple forms of power, currency, and exchange through the lenses of social, financial, knowledge, and cultural capital.

Overnight Retreats

Opening Retreat: The Opening Retreat will occur January 12-16, 2026 and be a destination event held in Montgomery, Alabama.

Closing Retreat: The Closing Retreat will occur in June 2026 and be a destination event held in a location to be announced at a later date.

Executive Coaching

Fellows will each receive up to eight individual sessions with an Executive Coach in the months following the Closing Retreat.

| Date | Session | Format |
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| January 12-16, 2026 | Opening Retreat | In Person |
| Varies by Cohort Second Week of February | Regional Session 1 | In Person |
| February 26, 2026 | National Session 1 | Virtual |
| Varies by Cohort Second Week of March | Regional Session 2 | In Person |
| March 26, 2026 | National Session 2 | Virtual |
| Varies by Cohort Second Week of April | Regional Session 3 | In Person |
| April 23, 2026 | National Session 3 | Virtual |
| Varies by Cohort Second Week of May | Regional Session 4 | In Person |
| May 28, 2026 | National Session 4 | Virtual |
| June 2026 | Closing Retreat | In Person |
| July-December 2026 | Executive Coaching | Virtual |