

Delta Leadership Institute (DLI) Executive Academy



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EXECUTIVE ACADEMY

WHAT IS THE DELTA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE ACADEMY?

The Delta Leadership Institute was created to empower a corps of leaders with the tools, experiences, and networks to address challenges facing the local and regional economic development. The DLI Executive Academy trains leaders from diverse backgrounds, sectors, and industries to improve the economic competitiveness and social viability of the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt.

TOOLS

Develop skills and knowledge in policy areas relevant to economic and community development that enhance your ability to improve your community.

EXPERIENCES

Visit eight states and learn from more than twelve communities the strategies that are helping grow local economies in diverse cities and towns throughout the region.

NETWORKS

Connect with fellow community leaders, practitioners, and experts to develop a strong network for regional collaboration, information sharing, and continued learning.

SESSIONS COVER POLICY AREAS AND SKILLS SUCH AS:

Regionalism
Infrastructure
Public-Private Partnerships
Public Health

Transportation
Grassroots Organizing
Entrepreneurship
Place-based Development

Public Policy & Governance
Culture & Tourism
Workforce Development
Coalition Building

WHO MAY APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Applicants for the Executive Academy must live or work in the 252 counties and parishes of the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions, as designated by Congress. DLI staff is looking for applicants that serve in traditional or non-traditional leadership roles in the organization, company, and/or community. It is expected that DLI fellows have previously worked on community-based projects that support economic and community development efforts on the local, regional, or state level.

HOW ARE EXECUTIVE ACADEMY FELLOWS SELECTED?

Participants each year are selected by the applicants' state Governor or DRA's Federal Co-Chairman. DRA and the Governors will evaluate applications and make selections based on the completed applications submitted by the application deadline. For more information on applying visit our website and FAQs.



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Delta Leadership Institute (DLI) Alumni Network



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ALUMNI NETWORK

WHAT IS THE DELTA LEADERSHIP NETWORK?

The Delta Leadership Network (DLN) comprises all alumni of the Executive Academy and is tasked with maintaining these relationships among regional leaders to foster regional collaboration, resource sharing, and continued education addressing the Delta's most pressing issues. Now 500-members strong, DLN members continue their engagement through state meetings, an annual DLN conference, and continued engagement with new cohorts of the Executive Academy.

WHO ORGANIZES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DLN?

DLN members are led by an elected volunteer Regional Advisory Council (RAC) which includes two members from each state and a council chair. The RAC supports DLI staff in planning and executing activities throughout the year that support DLN's mission of continuing education, information sharing, and collaboration beyond the DLI experience.

DELTA LEADERSHIP NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Each year the DLN convenes its membership for a conference that provides new learning opportunities, a field experience, and networking to maintain the regional collaboration and resources that make the network so important to its members.

ARE THERE ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACTIVITIES?

To foster continued education for DLN members, DRA and DLI have offered three continuing education training opportunities in partnership with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. The Authentic Leadership executive education program is designed and led by Harvard faculty, and focuses on cutting edge leadership principles in the U.S. More information about upcoming executive education opportunities for DLN members are announced each year.

WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS?

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