Academic Leadership for Interfaith Understanding



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A Seminar for Campus Leaders, Administrators, and Faculty Members

About the Seminar

This seminar will provide the opportunity for academic affairs administrators and faculty leaders to explore how colleges and universities can advance cooperation across difference through institution-wide curricular implementation and classroom pedagogies.

Led by Laurie Patton, president of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, and Eboo Patel, founder and president of Interfaith America, the seminar will examine key questions shaping the future of civic and religious pluralism in higher education. Participants will engage tested frameworks for leading across profound difference and consider how higher education institutions can prepare students for leadership in a diverse democracy. Throughout the week, participants will discuss case studies, curricular models, and scholarly readings while also developing practical resources and strategies for their own institutional contexts.

There is no fee to participate: Lodging, most meals, and reading materials are provided thanks to generous support from Lilly Endowment Inc. Participants or their institutions are expected to cover transportation to and from the seminar location.

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How to Apply

Academic affairs administrators and faculty leaders from all disciples at CIC member colleges are encouraged to seek nomination from their chief academic officer. Participants will be selected through a competitive nomination process as space is limited. Nominations should be *submitted online* and include:

1. A letter of support that endorses the nominee and explains the current state of interfaith initiatives on campus as well as opportunities the nominee will be given following seminar participation. Chief academic officers are encouraged to nominate themselves.

2. A statement of interest and expected outcomes from the nominee.

3. The nominee's CV or resume.

The nomination deadline is Friday, February 19, 2027.

For more information and to submit nominations, visit **cic.edu/teachinginterfaith**.

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