



Call for Nominations for the Ambassador Program of the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance

Overview

The Global Social Service Workforce Alliance announces a **Call for Nominations** for the Ambassador Program for a two-year term beginning September 2018. Launched in September 2016, the Ambassador Program aims to provide individuals working in or with the social service workforce opportunities to develop leadership skills, inform strategy and influence policy at the local, national and regional level in support of social service workforce strengthening efforts. Through this voluntary program, Ambassadors will also play a leading role in growing awareness and interest in the work of the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance to plan, develop and support the social service workforce. More details are provided in the Ambassador Roles and Responsibilities document. Selection as an Ambassador is meant to be a rewarding experience that will further develop knowledge and relationships throughout the social service sector.

Selection Criteria

The 2018-2020 cohort will be the second group in the program. Composition of up to 10 Ambassadors will reflect a range of geographic regions as well as stakeholder groups such as academic, training and research institutions, civil society groups, foundations, government representatives; non-governmental organizations (including other networks), practitioners, private corporations and professional associations. Preference may be given to regions and groups currently under-represented within the Alliance's membership.

Selection criteria include:

- Minimum of five years relevant work experience in a role within the social service workforce or working with social services development/delivery;
- Presence of a professional, national or regional network of individuals and/or organizations working with/in the social service workforce with whom you can exchange information;
- Previous formal or informal training in topics relevant to the social service workforce;
- Demonstrated support from your employer for your participation in this program;
- Ability to travel internationally to one in-person training meeting to be held over three days (plus travel days), expected to be held September 2018; must currently hold a passport (location to be finalized based upon proximity to selected Ambassadors; funding from the Alliance to attend the orientation is available based on selected Ambassadors' circumstances);
- Ability to commit to serving a two-year term and giving approximately three hours per month of your time in a voluntary manner, which may include participation in the monthly group calls, contributing expertise to an Alliance interest group, outreach to your networks, review of documents and materials related to the workforce, or providing input into the Alliance's work. Please see the roles and responsibilities document for further details;
- Willingness to promote the importance of social service workforce strengthening and the work of the Alliance to influence decision makers and donors to increase their support for social service workforce strengthening efforts;
- Active in social media or have a willingness to become active in social media to promote the Alliance and work of the social service workforce (Training on social media will be provided) and participation within listservs or other local and regional information exchanges;

- Ability to fulfill responsibilities outlined in the Ambassador Roles & Responsibilities document and make a commitment of time and energy to the Alliance;
- Fluency in at least two languages (including English) is preferred.

Nominations Process

We will accept both peer nominations and self-nominations. Nominees must be a member of the Alliance prior to submission of the nomination. To become a member, please visit:

<http://www.socialserviceworkforce.org/join-alliance>

In support of the nomination of a peer with his/her consent or a self-nomination, please submit:

- Short letter of intent no more than two pages describing interest and qualifications to serve as an Ambassador that includes: a description of past leadership experience, membership in any networks or associations, and any prior experience in advocating for social service workforce strengthening
- Resume or CV of no more than five pages that outlines skills, experiences or other qualifications as they relate to the Ambassador role;
- Names of three references, including title, organization, e-mail and phone number (at least one must be a current Alliance member).

Please submit this information in pdf or Word format to: nbrown@socialserviceworkforce.org

Timeline

We will accept nominations through January 8, 2018. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

Final candidates will be interviewed and notified by the end of January 2018. Ambassador orientation is expected to take place in September 2018. From February to September 2018, selected Ambassadors will receive a number of communications from the Alliance and 1-2 pre-assignments to prepare for the orientation meeting.

For more information about the Alliance, please visit www.socialserviceworkforce.org.