



THE MOUNTAIN TEACHER FELLOWSHIP



Appalachia



The Mountain Teacher Fellowship is a community-focused initiative of Teach For America Appalachia to support TFA alums teaching in Central Appalachia after their initial two-year commitment.

Fellows pledge to teach at least an additional two years while also learning how to implement evidence-based practices into their classrooms and communities.

"When I think of my purpose in life, I always think about the quote 'Bloom where you were planted.' I know that I may have a quite literal interpretation of this quote, but my faith tells me that I was put in Appalachia for a reason. I believe that I am supposed to be here and do the hard work here. "

Emaleigh Osborn

TFA Appalachia '16
2021 Mountain Teacher Fellow
Chemistry and Physical Science Teacher
Martin County High School
Inez, KY



2021 Fellow Timeline

Jan 2021: Application Opens

Jan-April 1 2021:
Applicants are Interviewed by
Selection Committee and
Accepted into Program

July 2021: Fellowship Kickoff
and Orientation

Year One:
Fellows Receive Ongoing Cohort-
based and 1:1 Professional
Development and Mentorship

Year Two
Implementation
Science, Practice and
Troubleshooting

June 2023:
Presentation of Findings to
Constituents, Fellow Graduation



"An excellent teacher is one who is always growing, always trying to improve their craft. They try to become more engaging and more relevant to students and their daily lives and experiences.

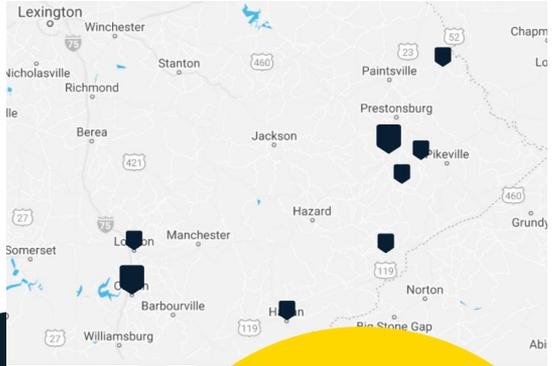
When we see the culture, experiences, and daily life of our students as assets in learning, we can leverage those assets. We can leverage them to equip our students to be successful in life, in the classroom, and in the workplace. "

Seth Hopkins
TFA Appalachia '17
2021 Mountain Teacher Fellow
Spanish
Lynn Camp Middle/High School
Corbin, KY

The Mountain Teacher Fellowship is a key lever in our 10 year strategy to retain excellent teachers in Central Appalachia

Fast Facts

Teachers currently live
and work across 6
counties in Eastern
Kentucky



50% Teach a STEM
subject

Our Inaugural 11 Fellows
Range from 3rd Year to
9th Year of Teaching

Over 1000
Appalachian
students are
taught by
Mountain Teacher
Fellows

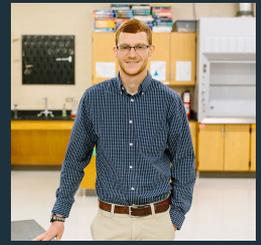
50% of Fellows are
from the ARC-
designated region

Our 2021 Fellows



Joseph Larrimore
TFA Appalachia '16
8th Grade Science
Duff-Allen Central Elementary
Eastern, KY

Jonathan Stephens
TFA Appalachia '18
Physical Science
Lynn Camp High School
Corbin, KY



Faye Sloma
TFA Appalachia '19
Middle School English
John M. Stumbo Elementary
Grethel, KY



Dr. Brianna Hess
TFA Appalachia '18
Chemistry
Harlan County High School
Harlan, KY



Mahealani Wilson
TFA Appalachia '19
Math and Social Studies
Duff-Allen Central
Elementary
Prestonsburg, KY



Kelsey Tackett
TFA Appalachia '12
Middle School Science
& Reading
South Floyd
Elementary
Hi Hat, KY



Brittany Curry
TFA Appalachia '19
Mathematics
Letcher County Central High School
Whitesburg, KY

Lydia Welso
TFA Appalachia '18
English Language Arts
North Laurel High School
London, KY

