

## BE PART OF THE EVOLUTION OF NYC HIGH SCHOOLS: JOIN COHORT 4 OF THE PRINCIPAL INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP!

Bank Street College of Education’s Career Connected Learning Principal Innovation Fellowship supports high school leaders who are redesigning their schools to offer relevant career pathways and work-based learning opportunities for students. Developed in partnership with New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) Office of Student Pathways (OSP), the fellowship supports principals as they implement school models that better prepare students for postsecondary success, including career readiness and the ability to contribute to economic mobility for students whose families experience generational poverty.

### WHY BANK STREET’S PRINCIPAL INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP?

The traditional high school model is changing. Over the past three years, Principal Innovation Fellows, including Future ReadyNYC (FRNYC), Career and Technical Education (CTE), and Learning To Work (LTW) schools, have come together to design, learn, and support one another in implementing new ideas grounded in a belief that there is so much more we can do to support young people as they prepare for life after high school. NYInspires and Portrait of a Graduate present further opportunities to innovate. The Principal Innovation Fellowship ensures you are not doing that work alone.

### WHAT YOU’LL GAIN:

- **Strategic Coaching:** One-on-one leadership coaching for you and your team as you design new schoolwide structures, integrate industry-specific content and durable skills, and strengthen community partnerships.
- **A Professional Learning Community:** A cohort of 85+ NYC high school peers testing new models, hosting intervisitations, and designing contextualized, industry-aligned learning experiences together.
- **Framework Alignment:** Direct support operationalizing FutureReadyNYC, building high-quality CTE and LTW programs, and creating conditions for Portrait of a Graduate shifts.

### FELLOWSHIP DESIGN

The Principal Innovation Fellowship is intentionally designed to help leaders take a system’s view of their school as they lead change. During the school year, principals commit to in-person, elbow-to-elbow coaching and participation in peer learning (including intervisitations). The Fellowship will continue for two years with rich opportunities to convene, get inspired, and recommit to a journey of innovation and high school redesign.

	Year 1		Year 2	
Whole Group	Summer Institute (July)	Mid Year Convening (January)	Summer Institute (July)	Mid Year Convening (January)
Coaching	Leadership coaching with school leader & school-based career connected learning team			
Integrated Teaching & Learning Support	In-person and virtual professional learning for 1 pathway teacher			
Collaborative Working Groups (as needed)	Organized by interest and emerging needs (e.g. 6-12 schools, innovative scheduling, pilot new credit structures)			
Facilitated Intervisitations	Participate in at least 2 visits per year Intervisitations can be organized by pathway, implementation needs, community served			

## FELLOWSHIP OUTCOMES

Throughout the two years, Bank Street collaborates with NYCPS to measure outcomes aligned to the NYS Portrait of a Graduate, including shifts in teacher practice, increased student engagement, integration of work-based learning, and new opportunities for student voice and family engagement. As of January 2026, 98% of fellows reported a moderate or significant increase in their understanding of how to implement a schoolwide Career Connected Learning approach.

## IS THE FELLOWSHIP RIGHT FOR YOU?

We're looking for school leaders who:

- Have at least one active career pathway (1+ year of implementation)
- Can commit to in-person coaching and peer learning, including school visits
- Are ready to empower a team to innovate and share work, including lessons learned
- Maintain a continuous improvement mindset and value distributed leadership

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Application Launches: April 1, 2026
- Application Deadline: May 8, 2026
- Interviews: May 2026
- Summer Institute: July 13-17, 2026

“This is one of the top three professional learning experiences I’ve had in my short time as principal (third year). I will forever be thankful to your planning team in creating such an intentional space for growth, peer learning, and design thinking.”

- *Principal Fellow*



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For more information or assistance with the application process,  
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