How to Join the AACTE Holmes Scholars® Program

1. Review the selection criteria and participation requirements for sponsoring institutions at www.holmes-scholars.org.

2. Ensure your institution is eligible to join.

3. Complete and submit the online institution interest form. Upon receipt, AACTE will send you an institutional commitment form and a registration form for individual Holmes Scholars to complete.

4. Complete and submit the institutional commitment form.

5. Select your institution's Holmes Scholars and designate them as such in the online AACTE Directory.

6. Ensure your new Scholars complete the individual registration form.

“It is a win-win decision to sponsor Holmes Scholars who go on to not only be mentored as future members of the professoriate, but who actually serve the host institution through committee work, presentations, publishing, and working within the PDS and community organizations. We are proud of our Holmes Scholars not just for what they accomplish, but how they represent our core values.”

— Adah Ward Randolph, Professor, Educational Studies and Holmes Scholars Coordinator, Ohio University

The Holmes Scholars Program is a benefit of AACTE membership

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The AACTE Holmes Scholars Program

The AACTE Holmes Scholars Program provides mentorship, peer support, and rich professional development opportunities to doctoral students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds who are pursuing careers in education. The program also aims to help AACTE member institutions develop an outstanding pool of diverse candidates for faculty and other leadership positions.

Nearly 700 Scholars have benefitted from the program since its inception by the Holmes Group in 1991. Many former Scholars are now in tenured faculty and leadership positions, and many have gone on to hire other Holmes Scholars alumni to faculty or administrative positions at their institutions.

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Benefits to Institutions

- Recruitment and retention advantage—being able to offer doctoral students of color a support network of peers and access to unique professional experiences
- Status among the profession as a leader in supporting diversity—particularly relevant to national accreditation standards
- Recognition during AACTE’s Annual Meeting
- Priority participation in the Holmes Scholars Job Fair, held during AACTE’s Annual Meeting
- Free distribution of your faculty search announcements among current Holmes Scholars and Holmes alumni
- Recognition on the AACTE Holmes Scholars web site, including links to your program’s web site
- No additional cost to join if your institution is a current AACTE member

“Having a Holmes Scholars Program is a draw at our institution, as it helps us recruit doctoral students who are traditionally underrepresented in the professoriate. Our Holmes Scholars tend to get hired into Assistant Professor positions at other institutions. This increases our rate of hire, which we can report each year to increase the standing of our programs at the university.”

— Jennifer Platt, Professor Emerita and former Holmes Scholars Program Coordinator, College of Education, University of Central Florida

Benefits to Scholars

- Membership in a national network of peers facilitated through events and online social networks
- Formal mentoring opportunities by members of the National Association of Holmes Scholars Alumni and designated mentors throughout Scholars’ careers
- National leadership and professional development opportunities, such as invitations to participate in conference presentations, policy/advocacy training, sponsored publications, and more
- Dedicated sessions at AACTE’s Annual Meeting, including mentoring sessions on dissertation work and career/professional development topics as well as opportunities to present their research
- An annual weeklong Summer Policy Institute as part of AACTE’s Washington Week, including participation in the AACTE Day on the Hill, networking events with AACTE state chapter leaders, and meeting with members of Congress and experts from national policy and research organizations
- Job search support, including a dedicated job fair at the AACTE Annual Meeting, dissemination of job opportunities, and inclusion in an online directory of Scholars that is accessible to deans at all AACTE member institutions