



**AFT/BTU TEACHER LEADERS PROGRAM 2017-2018**  
Frequently Asked Questions

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**1. Am I able to earn AUs for this program?**

*No, this is a grant-funded program sponsored by the American Federation of teachers.*

**2. Must I attend each session?**

*Yes, it is a requirement of the program.*

**3. How much is the stipend?**

*The stipend is \$1,500.00 for full participation.*

**4. If I happen to miss a session, will that affect my stipend?**

*It is very likely; the program requirements state that attendance is mandatory.*

**5. Does going through this process mean I will become a Lead Teacher?**

*No, this is a program. The BCPSS position of Lead Teacher is a promotion.*

**6. What is the benefit of the program?**

*They are many and varied: collaboration with colleagues, becoming a part of a nationwide team, learning to become an advocate for our profession, researching your passion and creating a plan to act on the results, and many more.*

**7. What are some of the other Teacher Leaders doing now?**

*They are working on implementing their plans in their schools, they have become leaders in their school (model and lead teachers), they are representing the BTU and the AFT presenting their work, they have testified in Annapolis, spoken at the US Department of Education, presented at school board meetings, represented BTU on city and state level committees. Lastly, the Baltimore City and State of Maryland Teacher of the Year is a former Teacher Leader.*

**8. How do I get involved?** *The selection process includes completing and reviewing of an application, and an interview. Below is the link for the application that goes live June 14, 2017. **The deadline for application submission is September 22, 2017.***

*<https://fs10.formsite.com/RAsYDc/form1/index.html>*