



## Workforce development is a critical strategy to reduce poverty and strengthen the economy.

Workforce development requires strong, committed, and capable leaders from a range of institutions: community and economic development, employer associations, community-based organizations, public agencies, community colleges, labour and industry intermediaries.

### WHY THE TORONTO SECTOR SKILLS ACADEMY?

The Metcalf Foundation established the Toronto Sector Skills Academy in partnership with the highly regarded Aspen Institute in recognition that workforce development needs leaders who are not only able to lead their own organizations but who can also work collaboratively to build effective workforce strategies.

This leadership program is the first of its kind in Canada. Participants attend three retreats and three workshops over a 10-month period.

Graduates become Aspen Economic Opportunity Fellows and join the Aspen alumni network with leading workforce practitioners and policy makers from North America.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 16, 2018

For more information [click here](#). Please email questions to [sectorskills@metcalffoundation.com](mailto:sectorskills@metcalffoundation.com)

### HOW FELLOWS BENEFIT

- Learn from industry and sector leaders from across the Canada and U.S.A.
- Cutting edge curriculum is drawn from evidence-based practices
- Extensive peer collaboration and feedback
- Build new local and international professional networks
- Strengthened leadership skills and competencies, including a formalized 360° process
- Deepened understanding of workforce ecosystem
- Opportunity to be a catalyst for systems change
- Targeted workforce strategies for local economic and social context

### HOW ORGANIZATIONS BENEFIT

- Programming informed by evidence-based practices
- Increased understanding of demand-side strategies
- Improved industry and employer engagement
- Accelerated partnership development and community collaboration
- Access to readings and tools to strengthen organizational capacity, strategic direction
- Opportunity to be at the forefront of leading systems

To hear what our graduates are saying, [watch this short video](#)