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HENRY LUCE FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION TO ESTABLISH NEW HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Luce Higher Education Grant Will Help State Leaders, Higher Education Practitioners Better Address Higher Education Issues in Collaborative Ways

PRINCETON, N.J. (November 28, 2016) – The Henry Luce Foundation has awarded the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation a grant of \$350,000 to create the Woodrow Wilson Higher Education Policy Fellowship. The program will focus on informing policymakers about higher education and higher education leaders about policy.

The aim of the WW Higher Education Policy Fellowship is to help higher education policy and practice leaders gain an understanding of commonalities as well as differences between them, seeking to strengthen the former and to develop the skills and knowledge to bridge the latter. Fellows not only seek remedies for pressing issues but also to gain an understanding of what and how each side thinks, building knowledge of the other side's field, eliminating deleterious stereotypes, and learning how to work effectively together. The program will bring Fellows together with top thinkers and actors in policy and practice and, at the conclusion of the fellowship year, create an effective network of participants and an expanded successor program in each participating state.

Critical state concerns such as accountability, outcomes, workloads, tenure, efficiency and price controls are not on the higher education agenda. Major higher education issues such as basic research and research universities, increased funding, shared governance and academic freedom are not on the state agenda.

"In a rapidly changing global, digital information economy, higher education must be more responsive than ever to urgent state and national challenges, and state leaders in particular must work more effectively with higher education institutions," Woodrow Wilson Foundation President Arthur Levine said. "The Woodrow Wilson Higher Education Fellowship program will engage and inform the kinds of leaders who will bridge the gap between educators and policymakers, bringing together teams of current leaders who are on a trajectory to shape the future of higher education policy and practice in their states for generations."

In the coming months, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation will select two to four Fellows from both higher education and the policy world from each of five to eight states. During the 2017–18 program, Fellows will participate in two national symposia and regular webinars, along with individualized mentoring. Upon completion of the program, WW Higher Education Policy Fellows will help expand the program to colleagues in their state.

This project builds on two initiatives: The Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows Program of the Hunt Institute and the Associates Program of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. The new Woodrow Wilson Foundation initiative will be chaired by Judith Rizzo, Ed.D., former Executive Director of the Hunt Institute, and Patrick Callan, former President of the National Center.

The WW Fellowship builds on the successes of several state-based education initiatives led by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship—which prepares exemplary beginning STEM (science-technology-engineering-math) teachers for high-need schools operates in Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, and Ohio. The Woodrow Wilson MBA in Education Leadership program currently prepares experienced teachers for leadership positions in high-need school districts in Indiana, New Mexico, and Wisconsin.

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About the Henry Luce Foundation

The Henry Luce Foundation was established in 1936 by Henry R. Luce, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time Inc., to honor his parents who were missionary educators in China. The Foundation seeks to bring important ideas to the center of American life, strengthen international understanding, and foster innovation and leadership in academic, policy, religious and art communities. It pursues its mission today through the following grant-making programs: American Art; Asia; Luce Scholars; Theology; Higher Education; the Henry R. Luce Initiative on Religion in International Affairs; Public Policy; and the Clare Boothe Luce Program for women in science, mathematics and engineering.

About the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Founded in 1945, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (www.woodrow.org) identifies and develops the nation's best minds to meet its most critical challenges. The Foundation supports its Fellows as the next generation of leaders shaping American society.