



MAA Project NExT Director

MAA Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) is a professional development program for new or recent Ph.D.s in the mathematical sciences. The Project NExT program addresses all aspects of an academic career: improving the teaching and learning of mathematics, engaging in research and scholarship, identifying interesting service opportunities, and participating in professional activities. The program also provides participants with a network of peers and mentors as they assume these responsibilities. Since its launch in 1994, over 1700 Fellows from a wide variety of institutions have participated in Project NExT.

The Project NExT Director position is a four-year renewable term, reporting to the MAA Senior Director for Programs and managing the Project NExT leadership team of Associate Directors. Compensation will be negotiated with the MAA Board Treasurer and Executive Director, likely to consist of a combination of course releases and summer pay. The Director appointment will begin on September 1, 2023, and conclude on August 31, 2027, with opportunity to shadow the current Director during the months of May-August 2023.

The Project NExT Director supervises (1) the application process for program participants, including solicitation and review of applications, and selection of new fellows; (2) program planning for Project NExT pre-MathFest workshop; (3) program planning for Project NExT sessions at MAA MathFest; (4) programming and community-building during the academic year between MAA MathFests.

The Director is responsible for

- Working with the Project NExT leadership team and the MAA Senior Director for Programs to set programmatic direction, focus, and goals that maintain the vitality of the program within the changing landscape of higher education;
- Working with the MAA Senior Director for Programs to develop and implement a comprehensive program evaluation plan;
- Collaborating with MAA Development staff and the MAA Senior Director for Programs to secure funding through donor relationships or funding proposals;
- Strengthening connections with other MAA programs and encouraging participation of Project NExT fellows in MAA activities after the conclusion of the fellowship year;
- Representing the Project NExT program and the MAA in the broader community.

The following skills and attributes will support success in carrying out the Director role.

- Strong organizational skills, including ability to prioritize multiple tasks, handle matters expeditiously, and follow through on projects;
- Ability to maintain and build cooperative and mutually beneficial relationships;
- Broad network within the MAA and across the STEM community, particularly the higher education mathematics community;
- Strong strategic thinking and decision-making capabilities;
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills;
- Commitment to the MAA values of community, inclusivity, communication, and teaching & learning.

The successful candidate is expected to have a Ph.D. in the mathematical sciences or a related field, and teaching experience at the college level.

Nominations and questions may be directed to Dr. Tommy Ratliff, Chair of the Search Committee, at ratliff_thomas@wheatoncollege.edu.

To apply, please submit the following to hr@maa.org:

- a current Curriculum Vitae,
- a letter of interest in the position that includes your vision for carrying out the Project NExT Director responsibilities, and
- names and contact information of two individuals whom we may contact regarding your application.

Review of applications will begin November 1, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates who may not be able to meet the November 1 deadline are encouraged to contact Search Chair Tommy Ratliff (ratliff_thomas@wheatoncollege.edu) as soon as possible.

More details about current Project NExT programming are available at <https://www.maa.org/programs-and-communities/professional-development/project-next>

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