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FELLOWSHIP

CANDIDATE PROFILE

IS THE 5280 FELLOWSHIP FOR ME?

As potential candidates consider the 5280 Fellowship, they often ask about the personal characteristics of participants. What makes a good fellow? What types of people will I learn alongside? What should I know before committing to the program?

Successful past participants of the 5280 Fellowship have shared many of the following characteristics.

BACKGROUND

Fellows participate in the program for a variety of reasons; primarily:

- Desiring a greater sense of meaning or purpose for their career;
- Wanting greater affirmation or resourcing of their work within their faith community;
- Desire for relational connection with thoughtful Christians and professionals; and
- Longing to be more intentional, integrated, and practical within their faith and professional life.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Most fellows fall within the following broad categories:

- Early- to mid-career;
- Ages ranging from late 20s to late 40s;
- Confident in the type of work they should be doing, but often desiring deeper reflection on their specific role or contribution; and
- Have a current or future opportunity for influence or leadership within their organization.

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—SPIRITUALITY—

Fellows should exhibit:

- Affirmation of the Nicene Creed;
- A mature relationship with Jesus grown from past discipleship and mentorship opportunities;
- An openness to new perspectives on spiritual formation and mission; and
- The ability to listen to and dialogue with other participants from a variety of political, professional, and cultural backgrounds.

—RELATIONALLY—

The 5280 Fellowship creates a tight network of participants, with value generated from discussing ideas in small groups and learning in larger groups. Consequently, fellows should exhibit:

- Strong emotional and relational intelligence;
- Enjoyment of reading and discussing ideas with others;
- The ability to both consider big-picture ideas and work them out through personal application;
- The discipline to self-manage and follow through on commitments; and
- The desire for a broader professional network of like-minded Christians in the Denver metro area

—ABOUT THE 5280 FELLOWSHIP—

Society lacks a compelling vision and purpose for work. At Denver Institute, we address this gap and envision a day when every person's work brings life and hope to their city. We believe when people are prepared to serve God and others in their daily work, workplaces and cities are transformed. We convene Christian workers in community, cultivate a renewed imagination for their work, and catalyze redemptive action at their work. Learn more at [DenverInstitute.org](https://denverinstitute.org).

The 5280 Fellowship is a 5-month learning community of spiritual formation, theology for work, and professional development that equips early- to mid-career Christian professionals to more faithfully engage their career.

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