The Appalachian Transition Fellowship is a year-long, full-time program designed for a select group of innovative emerging community leaders, alliances, networks and cross-sector host institutions. While the fellowship will increase capacity to the region, it will also allow emerging leaders and institutions across the region to work and think as a collective body to create an economically just and thriving Central Appalachia.

Why Now?
Central Appalachia is engaged in a period of economic transition. While industries related to coal and manufacturing have historically provided the region’s economic base, their presence in Appalachia is declining. This transition offers the region a chance to focus on the well-being of its people and communities. The Appalachian Transition Fellowship Program will accelerate this transition by increasing the capacity of the region while simultaneously fostering the next generation of leaders who will carry that work forward.

What the Fellowship Offers
The fellowship will offer emerging leaders an opportunity to be placed within a network, alliance, or cross-sector host institutions comprised of organizations in education, nonprofit, for-profit, philanthropy, and government. These placements give emerging leaders and host communities an opportunity to engage in community based projects, training, and mentoring that will advance economic and social change in the region.

How to Apply
If you are interested in being a community host please begin the first stage of the application process by filling out a host interest application by December 15, 2017. Fellowship applications will be due January 15, 2018. To apply visit our website, www.AppFellows.org. For more information, email appfellows@highlandercenter.org.