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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCES 2015-16 CLASS OF FELLOWS

Incoming Class Includes Women Leaders from Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Academic Fields

PHILADELPHIA (**April 23, 2015**) – ELATE at Drexel[®], an elite, one of a kind professional development program for women in the academic STEM fields, is pleased to announce the selection of its 2015-16 class of Fellows.

The fourth incoming class for ELATE at Drexel includes 31 experienced and diverse women faculty from 22 different institutions across the country. Each was nominated by her dean or provost and will contribute to institutional initiatives as she expands her leadership skills.

ELATE at Drexel is a one year, part time program that focuses on increasing personal and professional leadership effectiveness, leading and managing change initiatives within institutions, using strategic finance and resource management to enhance organizational missions, and creating a network of exceptional women who bring organizational perspectives and deep personal capacity to the institutions and society they serve. Facilitated by leaders in the fields of STEM research and leadership development, the curriculum includes classroom lessons and activities, online instruction and discussion, and on-the-job application at each Fellow's home institution.

"We are extremely excited to launch a new year of the ELATE program with this extraordinary group of women," said Diane Magrane, executive director of Drexel's International Center for Executive Leadership in Academics and ELATE fellowship director. "The deans and provosts that have committed to mentoring these women through this intensive year long process recognize the importance of developing diverse leaders within their institutions. This bodes well for the future of academic STEM leadership."

ELATE at Drexel is a national program uniquely hosted by a research intense university. Joseph Hughes, Dean of Drexel's College of Engineering, noted his pride in being a mentor in the program. "It is truly remarkable what each Fellow achieves over the course of the program and continuing after graduation. ELATE is building a community of leaders across the nation."

The work for this incoming class begins in May with online assignments and community building activities, and the program will conclude in March 2016 with a symposium organized around institutional change projects that have been developed in collaboration with the leadership of their organizations, and then graduation ceremonies attended by their deans, provosts, and other university leaders. Fellows begin the first of three week-long, in-residence sessions when they meet for the first time at the ACE Conference Center in Lafayette Hill, Pa., on August 1, 2015.

<u>About ELATE at Drexel</u>[®]: ELATE at Drexel is a core program of the International Center for Executive Leadership in Academics within the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pa. For more information on the ELATE curriculum, faculty and participants, visit www.drexel.edu/engineering/ELATE.

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