

Dear Colleague,

We were thrilled to welcome you to the ASEE Engineering Deans Gender Equity (EDGE) initiative Action Steps Workshop held at the 2019 Engineering Deans Institute. By your evaluation comments, you found the event instructive and useful.

We now write to inform you of a special invitation for the Deans attending the April workshop to nominate senior women faculty for the 2020-2021 ELATES at Drexel® leadership development program. Participation in this program is consistent with the EDGE goal of advancing women faculty. The EDGE initiative will award \$3000 travel grants to up to five Fellows selected through this special invitation.

The **Executive Leadership in Academic Technology, Engineering and Science** program at Drexel University (ELATES at Drexel®) is a national, year-long fellowship designed to advance senior women faculty in academic engineering, computer science, and other STEM fields into effective institutional leadership roles within their schools and universities.

To nominate a faculty member for the 2020-2021 ELATES EDGE Engineering Cohort, complete the online nomination form at [ELATES/EDGE 2020-2021 Nomination Form](#) by **August 9, 2019**. A crucial part of the ELATES at Drexel® application is the statement from the applicant's nominator (typically the dean or provost). We urge your careful attention to completing each question and have attached a preview of the nomination form to assist with your preparation. The attached Fact Sheet provides more details about the ELATES/EDGE partnership, the application process and timeline for participating EDGE institutions, and a summary of the ELATES curriculum.

ELATES presents a great opportunity to sponsor a talented woman leader in your school or college and in turn advance your institution's capacity for innovation and resource management. Please consider nominating full-time professors and associate professors who are rising and newly appointed leaders. We also strongly encourage you to consider sponsoring women of color for the ELATES fellowship.

More information about ELATES is available here: drexel.edu/elates. Please contact Koren A. Bedeau, Vice Provost and Executive Director of ELATES at Drexel® with questions about the program or this early nomination opportunity: 215-895-2200; kab594@drexel.edu.

Sincerely,

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