

2010 CAISE Fellows Summary

The 2010 program was designed to bring emerging ISE thought leaders to the table to participate in CAISE's main work – the inquiry group process. This was a departure from the focus of the first year (preparing potential new PIs), and Fellows from the first year cohort were invited to reapply to the program, in addition to the open call for applications.

Applications were vetted and selected by CAISE co-PIs, CAISE Program Manager, Fellows Program Manager and Preeti Gupta of the CAISE Steering Committee. A total of 16 applications were submitted for the program. Eleven applicants were selected, consisting of five fellows from the first cohort and six new fellows.

Demographic Profile of Fellows

Gender:

- 73% Female
- 27 % Male

Geographic Representation:

- 45% from EPSCoR states (Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, Vermont)

Racial/ethnic Minority Identification:

- 45% identify as racial/ethnic minorities

ISE Sectors Represented:

- Youth/Community/After School programs
- Higher Education
- Science Centers/Museums
- Radio
- Film
- Gaming/Digital Media

Program Activities

Fellows participated in three activities: a series of teleconferences to acquaint them with the CAISE, ISE and the NSF; inquiry group meetings; and the CAISE ISE Summit. CAISE staff coordinated five semi-monthly conference calls for the Fellows. Topics included an introduction to the NSF ISE program by Al DeSena; introductions to inquiry groups and inquiry group work by CAISE co-PIs; and reports on inquiry group work, led by Fellows. The program culminated at pre- and post- conference meetings at the CAISE ISE Summit in March. Fellows will be completing a joint interview process to create a legacy document on the impact of the CAISE Fellows program for future CAISE use through June 2010.