Whether you are developing basic network services for your campus or implementing a vision that positions your institution for a solid IT future, you can learn from the experiences of your peers. If financial constraints at your institution are limiting your opportunities to participate in events, consider applying for a Ryland Fellowship.

What are the Jane N. Ryland Fellowships?
This EDUCAUSE grant program is intended to help build future leaders among information technology professionals in the higher education community. The grants expand opportunities to attend EDUCAUSE events for individuals whose institutions have difficulty supporting their professional development. Fellowships recognize a combination of past achievement, personal and institutional commitment, potential benefit, and financial need.

The program bears the name of Jane N. Ryland, who, as president of CAUSE from 1986 to 1998, recognized the importance of educational programs to support and develop information technology professionals throughout higher education. Grants were awarded for the first time in 1998.

How are fellows selected?
Recipients of Ryland Fellowships are selected annually on a competitive basis. Applicants may serve their institutions in any information technology management area: central IT organizations, academic units, or administrative departments. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee using the following criteria:

- Institutional commitment to information technologies, to employee professional development, and to the applicant
- Applicant’s commitment to higher education and information technology
- Potential benefit to the applicant and his or her institution
- Institutional economic need

What do the fellowship grants cover?
Awards are made on an annual basis, in amounts that substantially or fully meet the costs of attending one EDUCAUSE educational event. Fellows select the event of their choice from among the eligible EDUCAUSE offerings (below) based on their professional needs and the strategic direction of their institutions. Grant monies are applied first to registration fees, then to transportation and housing costs.

What educational opportunities does EDUCAUSE offer?
As the preeminent association for higher education information technology professionals, EDUCAUSE offers one of the most comprehensive, respected programs of face-to-face learning opportunities going. More than 11,000 college and university technology managers and practitioners meet every year at almost three dozen EDUCAUSE-sponsored events to develop the skills, knowledge, and professional contacts to help their institutions seize today’s opportunities and minimize tomorrow’s risk.

Which EDUCAUSE events are eligible for fellowship support?
The EDUCAUSE events eligible for fellowship support include: an annual conference drawing more than 6,000 attendees from all professional levels, from all sizes and types of institutions, and from across the United States and around the world; regional conferences designed to maximize convenience for busy professionals and help create strong, ongoing support networks; and focused events covering specific aspects of information technology management such as security issues, policy and law, middleware, administrative technology, academic computing, and leadership training. EDUCAUSE events have a reputation for quality planning, solid content, diverse perspectives, and exciting exchanges of information.

For current information about eligible events, visit www.educause.edu/RylandEvents