

Associate Director

Are you passionate about leadership, race equity, and social impact at nonprofit and philanthropic organizations? Do you want to help social sector organizations achieve their potential for impact by supporting leaders in building more diverse, inclusive, and equitable cultures? Do you thrive on bringing people together and supporting them in their learning and change journeys?

If so, we're looking for you...

ProInspire is seeking an Associate Director to play a key role in driving our work supporting organizations with advancing equity and leadership. The new Associate Director will work on a portfolio of training programs, consulting services, open enrollment programs, and communities of practice for nonprofit organizations and foundations.

Associate Directors lead medium-sized projects, such as a training series or elements of larger projects. Example projects include:

- Facilitating inclusive manager training using our existing curriculum
- Co-designing and co-facilitating a foundation-supported program, such as a community of practice for senior leaders of color
- Designing new content based on our growing [research](#) around the leadership practices that advance race equity

*The Associate Director will have experience understanding what happens in an organization's **race equity change journey**, confidence **facilitating groups**, and understanding how to **design curriculum or content**.*

This role will report to a member of our leadership team and will work closely with staff based in Washington, DC, as well as ProInspire partners, funders, faculty, and consultants across the country. When we engage affiliate consultants on our project teams, the Associate Director may be responsible for managing those consultants.

Responsibilities

Project Leadership and Implementation (70%)

Play a range of roles on projects, including:

- **Business Development and Partnerships:**

- Establish partnerships with foundations and nonprofit organizations
- Write proposals, grant reports, and respond to RFPs
- Manage client engagement on projects
- Project Leadership:
 - Define goals and priorities
 - Ensure overall accountability for the success of projects, programs, and services
 - Design project scope, change process, or arc of learning
 - Lead project team of staff and/or external consultants
 - Manage consultant engagement and oversight on projects
- Facilitation and Implementation:
 - Facilitate trainings, learning sessions, and client meetings (virtual and in-person, when in-person sessions return)
 - Incorporate equity analysis into facilitation and client advisory work
 - Design agendas and facilitation guides
 - Create deliverables (e.g. presentations, online workshop tools, etc.)
 - Provide coaching and ongoing support to clients around their learning and change processes both in-person and virtually
 - Manage data analysis and reporting (conducting interviews, surveys, etc.)
- People Management:
 - Hire and manage staff and consultants as needed

Special Projects (15%)

- Knowledge Building:
 - Capture lessons from our work through team reflection, client/participant feedback, data gathering
 - Rethink our approaches and content to align with our equity goals
- New Program/Product Development:
 - Develop workbooks or toolkits tied our growing [research](#) around the leadership practices that advance race equity
 - Create new open enrollment programs, curriculum and approaches for consulting services, or communities of practice
- External Engagement:
 - Increase organizational visibility through conference presentations, storytelling, writing
 - Lead engagement with and build relationships across peer groups

Team Engagement (15%)

- Team Activities:
 - Participate and lead regular retreats, weekly team meetings, etc.
 - Represent the organization at board meetings, conference presentations, and convenings
- Internal Work:
 - Engage in ongoing internal work around building a race equity culture
 - Push the organization to live into our values and further the theory of change
- Organizational Development:
 - Support or lead internal projects
 - Mentor and develop people across the organization

About You

This is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual to lead projects and work collaboratively with our staff, consultants, and partners. This role provides a high level of responsibility and independence for individuals to determine how and when to complete their work.

What we are looking for:

Relevant Experience:

- You have experience doing work inside a social sector organization or as a consultant, focused on equity and inclusion, talent, organizational development, or training and facilitation.

Design and Facilitation:

- You have facilitated groups with navigating challenging conversations
- You have experience with program design or curriculum development
- Bonus points for skills with virtual meeting design and facilitation

Race Equity Experience:

- You authentically dive into work about the role that identity and race plays inside organizations, and are able to speak from your lived experience
- You understand how to support an organization's race equity change journey

Communication:

- You have skills to verbally communicate with groups, including making presentations to senior leaders
- You have skills to write materials with attention to details, including facilitation guides, training presentations, and survey reports

Relationship Building:

- You are a compelling relationship builder with people working at all levels in organizations
- You are able to work independently and maintain productivity with colleagues and stakeholders in different locations

Approach:

- You bring integrity, humility, resilience, and passion for ProInspire's mission
- You don't have all the answers, but are willing to figure things out
- You have an entrepreneurial spirit and desire to expand our impact

What you will gain from this role:

- *Impact:* You'll have the opportunity to advance leadership, equity, and inclusion in the social sector. You will see the impact you have on individuals and organizations through their engagement in our programs.
- *Build on your Strengths:* You will have the opportunity to shape your work and our programs, building on your strengths, and your lived experience.
- *Learning:* You will continuously be learning as you support our partners and through your own professional development.
- *Visibility:* You will be responsible for facilitating training, speaking to large groups, and representing the organization with partners.
- *Autonomy and Ownership:* You will have responsibility for specific programs and services, setting strategic objectives, leading teams, and managing budgets.

Why should you work with us

At ProInspire, we believe that people are the most important asset to delivering our mission and we strive to make ProInspire a great, collaborative place to work. ProInspire values equity, authenticity, collaboration, and courage. In our benefits and HR policies, this means:

- We prioritize approaches that serve all of us and promote our collective impact, ensuring we meet the needs of those with least access to decision-making power
- We identify both individual and team-wide solutions, providing flexibility and support for each other
- We share transparently about the opportunities and limitations we face as a small nonprofit organization, engaging staff in the process to shape our approach
- We think creatively about how to align our values and meet our goals within our policies, identifying how we various types of benefits can strengthen our culture

We aim to accomplish two goals through our benefits and HR policies:

- All staff members have what they need to do their jobs well, to do their best work, and to grow individually - including accommodations for various needs and functional roles, considerations for growth within role and organization as well as towards career goals
- All staff members have what they need to take care of themselves, recognizing the wholeness of who we are, our personal wellbeing, and how that may impact us at work and in our lives outside of work

Our benefits include:

Focus on Wellbeing

- Unlimited PTO: Minimum 20 days expected, includes vacation, sick, mental health, family care, etc.
- Org-Wide Holidays and Digital Detox Windows: Total of 20 days (10 Holidays and 2 Detox Windows of 5 days each) to support everyone with fully disconnecting
- Flexible Work Schedules: Includes options for structuring work week/days, space for learning/collaboration
- Robust Health Benefits with 90% of individual premium covered
- Short-Term Disability/Long-Term Disability/Life Insurance
- Wellness Fund (*with additional telework benefit for 2021*)
- 401k Enrollment with organizational contribution
- Benchmarked Compensation with Annual Opportunities for Increases

Support to Do Jobs Well and Grow

- Professional Development Fund: \$1,000/FTE/year
- Laptop Reimbursement Fund
- Access to/Participation in Trainings and Conferences
- Opportunity to Engage in Projects Aligned to Personal/Professional Goals

Position Details

Salary: Starting salary for Associate Directors ranges from \$80-85k, based on experience. Higher end of the range will be considered for candidates who have existing clients and projects they will bring with them.

Travel: No travel is currently required due to COVID-19. Once the pandemic is under control, work travel may be required for delivering programs, conferences, and meetings; on average, 2-3 trips per month. There are also occasional events during non-standard business hours.

Start Date: The ideal start date is February 2021, with some flexibility

Location: We no longer have a physical office space due to the pandemic. Currently all of our full-time staff are based in the DC/Maryland/Virginia (DMV) area and we expect to be working virtually through the end of 2021. Based on safety and the needs of our staff, we may transition back to a physical location in 2022. We are open to the candidates based outside of the DMV area.

How to Apply

Please apply on our [website](#). We will begin reviewing applications on December 11th. We are especially excited about applications from people who understand the challenges of inequities in the social sector workplace, including people of color, LGBTQ+, and individuals with disabilities. As a result of our commitment to an equitable and inclusive hiring process, please do not include your salary history in your cover letter. We want to compensate you fairly for this role and not based on past compensation.

ProInspire is proud to be an equal opportunity employer, and celebrate our employees' differences, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, ability, or Veteran status.

About ProInspire

ProInspire envisions an equitable and just society – free of systemic oppression where all people thrive. We activate leaders at all levels to accelerate equity in their work, within their organizations, and across the social sector. We design and deliver programming, consulting, and resources to support individual leaders, strengthen organizations, and influence and equip the sector. Our goal is for individuals at all levels in the social sector to have the competencies, confidence, and connections to accelerate equity and leadership. ProInspire’s values of equity, authenticity, collaboration, and courage are essential to who we are and what we do.

Founded in 2009 and based in Washington, D.C., ProInspire runs programs in multiple cities across the United States. We partner with leading local, national, and international nonprofits and foundations, including Arabella Advisors, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Communities in Schools, Kauffman Foundation, Kresge Foundation, Share Our Strength, and more. ProInspire’s funders include Annie E. Casey Foundation, American Express, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, Kresge Foundation, and Meyer Foundation. Over 4,000 individuals have participated in ProInspire’s open enrollment and custom programs to-date. ProInspire was named by the Chronicle of Philanthropy as one of 7 Nonprofits to Watch in 2015, and as a Top-Rated Nonprofit from 2015 to 2018.

ProInspire advances our work by providing programming and resources to accelerate equity and leadership:

- *Support Individuals:* This includes Catalyst Collective, a community for Senior Leaders of Color. It also includes open enrollment programs such as the ProInspire Leadership Institute, Race Equity and Leadership Institute and Coaching for Impact programs that individuals can enroll in directly. ProInspire also hosts open webinars and supports past participants of these programs with ongoing learning opportunities.
- *Strengthen Organizations:* This includes programs and services we provide directly for organizations, leveraging our knowledge and research focused on inclusive leadership and race equity. It also includes partnerships with foundations to build capacity of organizations.
- *Influence and Equip the Social Sector:* This includes research, writing, speaking, and incubating projects on topics related to equity and leadership for the field. Current research includes the 2020 publication of *Crises as a Catalyst: A Call for Race Equity & Inclusive Leadership*, and forthcoming *Leadership Practices to Advance Race Equity*. ProInspire co-launched Equity in the Center in 2017 to provide resources and

convenings around building a race equity culture and spun off the project in 2020. ProInspire co-launched Impact Fellowships Summit in 2016 and transferred the project to IREX in 2018.

Our Values

- *Equity*: In order to change systems and maximize social impact, we need leadership at all levels to champion equity first. We are committed to building an equity culture internally and aspire to make equity a non-negotiable core value of the social sector through our work.
- *Authenticity*: The best work happens when individuals can be their whole selves and operate at their learning edge. We work to build a culture that supports authenticity and growth. We hold ourselves accountable to our stakeholders, embrace wins & challenges in full transparency.
- *Collaboration*: We deliver the most progress towards our mission when we collaborate with each other and with our partners. We seek out diverse perspectives and incorporate them into our practice and decisions. We strive to be a respectful and fair partner to our stakeholders.
- *Courage*: It takes courage to reimagine leadership at all levels and disrupt systems that perpetuate inequity. We ask questions to challenge the status quo and engage with our stakeholders. We acknowledge our limitations with humility, and we fail forward through a process of continuous learning.