# USA SWIMMING ATHLETE FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION

# **FELLOWSHIP SUMMARY**

The USA Swimming Athlete Fellowship will allow up to 8 athlete members to engage in the leadership of the organization within a unique context, allowing them to build leadership skills and advance the Safe Sport, Diversity & Inclusion, and Clean Sport missions through leadership education, training opportunities, and project-based awareness campaigns.

# UPON COMPLETION OF THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, FELLOWS WILL

- Have developed, implemented, and evaluated Safe Sport, Diversity & Inclusion, or Clean Sport projects within their home LSC.
- ➤ Have developed important leadership skills and self-awareness as a leader.
- ➤ Have trained other athletes in their home LSC on program educational components.
- Have provided useful feedback to improve the program.

#### **ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- > Develop and implement projects to advance the Safe Sport, Diversity & Inclusion, or Clean Sport mission at the local and regional level
- Plan and facilitate six program-specific trainings for athletes at clubs local to the Fellow's home base
- Actively prepare for and participate in three Leadership Institutes hosted by USA Swimming staff
- Communicate regularly with USA Swimming staff and the LSC contact

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Current athlete member of USA Swimming, aged 15 years or older
- > Displays leadership characteristics in the form of athletic, academic, and/or civic involvement
- > Has a basic understanding of Safe Sport, Diversity & Inclusion, and Clean Sport and the desire to be involved in the effort
- Has the ability to balance the commitment within his/her swimming and school schedules

# USA SWIMMING'S COMMITMENT

- > Provide regular, hour-long supervision calls at least monthly with staff
- Facilitate three Leadership Institutes and coordinate travel and logistics for Fellows, including covering all travel, room, and board
- > Travel to each Fellow's first in-person training to provide support and/or co-facilitation
- > Provide materials and support for Fellow's projects
- > Provide and solicit feedback from Fellows on new initiatives

### IMPORTANT DATES

- January 25-27: Leadership Institute #1 (Colorado Springs, CO)
- > June 28-30: Leadership Institute #2 (Colorado Springs, CO)
- > January 2020 (Date TBD): Leadership Institute #3