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Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Research Fellow

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Bio. Felix O. Quayson is a Research Associate at The Ohio State University, working with Dr. Edward C. Fletcher on a National Science Foundation research project. His research activities include data collection, coding and analyses, dissemination, and other research duties. Felix’s research interests focus on identity development, academic achievement, and motivation of African American male students in Career and Technical Education programs. Felix has earned degrees in Educational Sciences and Health Management, completed a Professional Education credential certification program in Media & Technology for Education at Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a professional teacher certification in teaching English as a foreign/second language. Felix has co-authored two books: “From Lecture Hall to Laptop” focuses on virtual teaching and learning in higher education, and “Journey to Financial Literacy and Freedom” helps consumers with financial planning strategies. Felix serves as Board of Director Officer at Youth Social Educational Vocational Training [YSET] Academy in Springfield Massachusetts. He practices research to understand performance metrics outcomes on students and adults’ readiness for employment and transition to the workplace, labor relations, and training and development. Project. African American Male Community College Students’ Perceptions of Earning Industry Certification in Career and Technical Education. The findings of this research study will assist postsecondary institutions to uncover critical areas in career and technical education that are not yet explored on the educational value of the tradeoffs associated with earning industry certification and linking it to educational attainment for African American male community college students. This study will support the prioritization of African American male students’ earning industry certification.

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The Program

Fellows will be part of a community that participates in two national research training institutes, research methods webinars, works with CTE research mentors, and conducts postsecondary CTE research.

“We have designed this CTE Fellows program to provide scholars with the unique opportunity to be part of a community and a formal curriculum to develop their research skills while working toward improving the field of CTE.” — James Bartlett II, Ph.D.,
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