



The Sadie Collective

building the pipeline & pathway for Black women in economics and related fields

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The Sadie Collective Receives Multi-Year Grant To Further Combat Gender Inequality In Economics and Related Fields

February 18, 2021 (Washington, D.C.) - Today, the Sadie Collective announced it is the recipient of a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, effective now through 2023. Driven by the foundation's Gender Equality Division, the partnership will further advance the Sadie Collective's goal of advocating for and increasing the participation of Black women in economics and related fields while combating gender inequality and shifting women's power and influence globally.

Since its inception in 2018, the Sadie Collective has worked to encourage and advocate for Black women at all career stages in economics, finance, public policy, and other related fields. Only three years after launching, the Collective's membership and ally network has grown to approximately 1,000 people, including students, economists, and business leaders. Prior to the Sadie Collective's annual conference in 2020, 34% of attendees had never met a Black woman economist and 74% reported feeling underprepared for a career in economics and related fields. Post-conference, 100% of attendees had met a Black woman economist, with 94% feeling more prepared to advance in their field.

"...With so much Black excellence that surrounded me, I was more inspired to pursue my passion in economics knowing that I would not be alone and that the system needs people like me so that the people that influence economic policy look like the rest of America."

-Faith, Sadie Collective member

The Sadie Collective is the only organization to use curated and innovative offerings to address the pipeline issue for Black women in economics and related fields, with milestone events including its annual conference and a Chicago Federal Reserve Bank Workshop.

To further scale its impact, the Sadie Collective plans to expand its efforts in 2021 and the years to come. To learn more about the mission of the Sadie Collective and the initiatives made possible by the recent Gates Foundation grant, visit sadiecollective.org.