A POWERFUL SIX-MONTH INTERDISCIPLINARY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
UCHICAGO FACULTY • PRACTICAL APPLICATION • GLOBAL PRACTICUM

CLA
CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
How it will benefit you

Provides Essential Leadership Knowledge and Skills

Taught by faculty from the University of Chicago's professional schools, fellows engage in a six-month interdisciplinary curriculum that exposes them to essential leadership frameworks and applications.

Builds Network of Civic Leaders

Specifically designed to strengthen connections between Chicago nonprofit and government leaders, the Civic Leadership Academy provides opportunities for its fellows to create links for future impact. Alumni programming allows fellows across cohorts to continuously expand their networks and continue learning.

88 ALUMNI, AND COUNTING

“The Civic Leadership Academy experience helped me realize what it means to be a nonprofit leader in the city of Chicago.”

James Rudyk, Jr., Executive Director, Northwest Side Housing Center
Develops Perspective Through Local and Global Experimentation and Observation

Fellows hone leadership skills via a capstone project and gain valuable perspective by traveling abroad to learn how leaders in a different context overcome obstacles.

“The courses were focused, detailed, and taught by amazing professors. The international component was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to grow personally and professionally.”
Brendan Daley, Director of Strategy & Sustainability, Chicago Park District

“I think the India practicum was important for all the CLA fellows to be out of their comfort zone and to be in a place where we can’t possibly know the answers. It forced us to think about how we collect information, how we process our thoughts, how we form new relationships, and how we move to action.”
Crystal Coats, Senior Manager of Corporate and External Partnerships at the Chicago Housing Authority

Delivers Distinctive and Chicago-based Programming

In addition to courses taught by UChicago faculty, the Civic Leadership Academy curriculum includes lectures, panels and classes led by local civic leaders and expert practitioners.

110 HOURS OF CURRICULUM

20+ FACULTY MEMBERS
Candidates should:

• Be full-time employees of a Chicago nonprofit organization, the City of Chicago, or Cook County
• Demonstrate a strong track record of leadership, innovation, and high performance
• Have a minimum of five years of work experience in the civic sector

Successful Civic Leadership Academy fellows are intellectually curious, reflective, ambitious and innovative, open and flexible, and committed to positive change.

Job titles for nonprofit candidates could include chief executive officer, chief operating officer, executive director, senior administrator, associate director, deputy director, senior program manager, and regional director.

Job titles for government candidates could include deputy commissioner, assistant commissioner, director, budget director, and chief of staff.

Apply by October 10, 2017

Application Checklist

• Completed online application
• Supervisor nomination
• Two letters of recommendation
• Two capstone project proposals that are relevant to current organization or municipal department

Cost: $8,000

Financial aid is available.

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Faculty

University of Chicago

Heather Caruso, Adjunct Associate Professor of Behavioral Science, Chicago Booth

Kerwin Charles, Interim Dean, Chicago Harris, Edwin and Betty L. Bergman Distinguished Service Professor

Robert Chaskin, Professor and Deputy Dean for Strategic Initiatives, School of Social Service Administration

Harry L. Davis, Roger L. and Rachel M. Goetz Distinguished Service Professor of Creative Management, Chicago Booth

Daniel Diermeier, Provost, The University of Chicago

Steve Edwards, Executive Director, Institute of Politics

Rayid Ghani, Research Director, Computation Institute, and Senior Fellow, Chicago Harris

Linda Ginzel, Clinical Professor of Managerial Psychology, Chicago Booth

Will Howell, Professor of Political Science in the College, and Sydney Stein Professor in American Politics, Chicago Harris

Armando Maggi, Professor of Italian Literature and the Committee on the History of Culture, Graham School

Jennifer Mosley, Associate Professor, School of Social Service Administration

Mark Templeton, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Abrams Environmental Law Clinic, Law School

Paula Worthington, Senior Lecturer, Chicago Harris

George Wu, John P. and Lillian A. Gould Professor of Behavioral Science, Chicago Booth

Civic Practitioners

Timuel Black, Chicago Historian

Brian Fabes, Chief Executive Officer, Civic Consulting Alliance

Shelley Stern Grach, Director - Civic Engagement, Microsoft Chicago

Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Julia Stasch, President, MacArthur Foundation

Susana Vasquez, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Resource Development, IFF

Eric Weinheimer, President and CEO, Forefront
Curriculum
The Civic Leadership Academy meets Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays, every other week for six months. The program also includes a week-long global practicum.

DISCOVERING CAPACITY FOR LEADERSHIP
Fellows will examine their leadership characteristics and how to deploy them at the right time in the right context.

DEFINING LEADERSHIP
Fellows will explore leadership, with a reference to goals and audiences.

COLLECTING AND ANALYZING DATA
Fellows will collect and analyze different kinds of data, including the data of their own leadership experiences.

MAPPING AND NAVIGATING CIVIC LEADERSHIP
Fellows will define the civic landscape and navigate its complexities.

UNDERSTANDING THE HUMANITY OF CIVIC LEADERSHIP
Fellows will explore the humanity of leadership, both within themselves and the people with whom they work.

GLOBAL PRACTICUM IN DELHI, INDIA
Fellows will travel abroad to recognize leadership challenges and strategies in Delhi, India, and learn how to translate lessons learned to Chicago.

ACQUIRING AND COMMUNICATING INFORMATION
Fellows will develop methods to engage audiences, elicit useful information and communicate messages effectively.

ADVANCING GOALS WITH LIMITED RESOURCES
Fellows will learn tools to help them prioritize and achieve goals given limited resources and political constraints.

ESTABLISHING POLICY PRIORITIES IN COMPLEX COMMUNITIES
Fellows will acquire a framework for establishing policy priorities that represent the needs of complex communities.

UNDERSTANDING AND ACTIVATING AUDIENCES
Fellows will learn how to understand key stakeholders and increase their commitment toward established goals.

NEGOTIATING WITHIN THE CIVIC SPHERE
Fellows will amass the fundamentals of negotiation and practice the techniques needed to be effective civic leaders.

Partners
University of Chicago
- Office of Civic Engagement
- Chicago Harris School of Public Policy
- School of Social Service Administration
- Chicago Booth School of Business
- University of Chicago Law School
- Institute of Politics
- Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies

Nonprofit and Government
- LISC Chicago
- Civic Consulting Alliance
- City of Chicago
- Cook County

Funders
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