



Hidden Benefits of the

Community Leadership Fellowship Program

Community is power! It's the groundwork of organizing a movement! Any real change takes time, and building a community is the starting point.

- Build a community of like-minded peers who understand your background, passions, and goals.
- Gain trust in your ability to lead meetings, develop ideas, and guide projects with autonomy.
- Feel seen not just as a fellow, but as a valuable coworker and decision-maker.
- Opened doors to future jobs, collaborations, and mentorship through real-world connections.
- The space to design original projects that reflect your voice and vision.
- Develop a deeper, more personal understanding of local issues and the systems that affect our community.
- Find your voice in rooms where decisions are made—and learn that your ideas hold power.
- Strengthen your communication, problem-solving, event planning, and adaptability skills in real scenarios.
- Discover how giving back can also be a form of healing and reclaiming your own story.
- Clarify your goals, passions, and what kind of leader you want to become.

What you'll get out of the program:

- Join a goal-driven, supportive community that feels like family
- Build lasting connections through endless networking opportunities
- Engage with your community and take action alongside passionate peers
- Strengthen your public speaking and presentation skills
- Grow in self-awareness and embrace personal development
- Learn directly from inspiring advocacy leaders and professionals across sectors
- Experience a one-of-a-kind opportunity that sets you apart
- Make a meaningful impact and drive real change
- Kickstart your professional journey early with hands-on experience
- Champion causes and advocate for change in your community
- Develop project management and collaboration skills
- Receive 24/7 support from dedicated peers and advisors
- Cultivate adaptability, resilience, and strong character
- Join a powerful alumni network that supports your growth
- Enhance your communication skills in real-world settings
- Boost your resume with valuable, practical experience
- Build life-long friendships that go beyond the program
- Become a well-rounded, balanced, and empowered student

What our Fellows are saying:

“I came into this program not knowing what I wanted to do exactly in my future, and very quickly into the first 2 months working in the environmental justice and advocacy space, I knew that it was so much more bigger than that and I want to help change lives in my future pathway endeavors as an attorney specifically in the environmental sector of it. I have truly embodied the role of a community organizer in several communities, and it fulfills me! As for being a part of the fellowship program itself, I have met so many amazing people and become great friends with many. The support and skills I am taking with me into my professional development are unreal.”

- Melissa, Cohort 2