



CLEVELAND EXECUTIVE FELLOWSHIP

a program of Cleveland Leadership Center

FAQs

What is Cleveland Leadership Center?

Cleveland Leadership Center is home to six outstanding, interconnected flagship programs that together make up a comprehensive, intergenerational leadership development curriculum. The programs target different leadership groups: Leadership Cleveland (established leaders); **Cleveland Executive Fellowship (rising leaders)**; Cleveland Bridge Builders (rising leaders); (i)Cleveland (college students and corporate internship programs); Look Up To Cleveland (high school students); Civic Leadership Institute (our newest program!). Together, the six flagship programs provide a unique combination of leadership development, civic education, civic engagement, and networking opportunities for leaders at all levels.

What is the Cleveland Executive Fellowship (CEF) Flagship Program?

The Cleveland Executive Fellowship is an experiential, immersion program designed to accelerate the professional development of civic leaders for Greater Cleveland. Its goal is to prepare individuals for effective and ethical leadership in the public affairs arena. During the yearlong fellowship, participants will gain hands-on experience through executive level placements in the education, corporate, government, and nonprofit sectors, as well as through weekly professional development. Fellows learn how the various sectors interact, how decisions are made and what people and institutions guide Cleveland's civic agenda. Fellows gain insight into how public processes unfold, as well as a deeper understanding of the community and an extensive network, all of which will enhance their ability to become civic change agents for Greater Cleveland.

Who participates in the CEF Flagship Program?

The Cleveland Executive Fellowship program is for individuals with demonstrated professional achievements and an interest in enhancing their civic leadership skills and professional opportunities. Selected Fellows are diverse in age, race, gender, ethnicity, education, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, and profession. Qualified candidates with five years of experience and/or Masters Degree will be considered. Additionally, chosen Fellows, upon completion of the program, must fulfill a two-year residency commitment to Cleveland. Visit the Cleveland Executive Fellowship page of our website at www.cleveleads.org to read the profiles of CEF alums and learn more about their Fellowship experience.

How much of a time commitment does the program require?

The program is full-time. Fellows work for 10-week rotations in up to eight different education, corporate, government, and nonprofits placements. They report to their placements during business hours, Monday through Thursdays, with Fridays reserved for professional development as a group.

What will CEF Flagship Program participants gain from being involved in the program?

Participants will gain an intimate knowledge of the city of Cleveland, learning about the inner workings of the business, nonprofit, education, and public sectors from a variety of sources including the fellowship placements. Throughout the fellowship year, participants will get a chance to dialogue and interact with key decision makers in a range of settings. The fellowship presents participants with the opportunity to not only develop their professional networks, but also establish meaningful connections to organizations and individuals whose work fosters progressive civic initiatives throughout the city and the Greater Cleveland region. Additionally, participants can explore their talents and passions in a way that helps them become the best, most effective leaders.

How do I apply to the Flagship Program?

Applications must be completed and submitted electronically at www.cleveleads.org. Applications for the CEF Class of 2010-2011 will be available in February 2010. Application requirements include: a fully completed application form, including written essays; a professional-quality resume (no more than two pages); and official academic transcripts for all higher education institutions attended. Up to 25 finalists will be notified in April 2010 and invited to participate in a daylong interview at Selection Day, which will take place in Cleveland in May 2010. Invitations for up to 8 Fellows to join the Cleveland Executive Fellowship will be extended in July 2010. The program begins in early September of 2010.

How much does the program cost?

There is no cost to participate in the program. Fellows are given a \$40,000 annual stipend and some financial assistance is available for medical benefits.

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Where are individuals who have participated in the Cleveland Executive Fellowship working now?

Special Assistant to the Mayor, City of Cleveland
Assistant Director, MidTown Cleveland, Incorporated
Interim Associate Dean – Business, Math, Technology, Tri-C
Program Examiner, U.S. Office of Management & Budget
Operations Manager, The Suder Foundation
Business Recycling Specialist, Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District
Development Associate, The Coral Company
Community Engagement Specialist, The Sherwin-Williams Company
Project Director, City of Shaker Heights
Director, Cleveland STEM Initiative
Consultant, JD Simmons & Associates
Corporate Giving Specialist, Hyland Software
Project Director of Sustainable Cleveland 2019, City of Cleveland
Director, Workforce & Economic Development Division, Tri-C
Assistant Director, Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition
Environmental Engineer, URS Corporation

What are some of the organizations Fellows have worked with during placements?

Non-Profit Placements

American Red Cross
Building Cleveland By Design
Centers for Families and Children
City Fresh
Cuyahoga-Cuyahoga County Food Policy Coalition
Community Shares
Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
Detroit Shoreway Comm. Development Org.
Downtown Cleveland Alliance
Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation
Great Lakes Science Center
Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry
MidTown Cleveland, Inc.
Ohio Canal Corridor
Playhouse Square Foundation
Policy Matters Ohio
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum
Shore Bank Enterprise Group
St. Clair-Superior Development Corporation
Saint Martin de Porres High School
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
The Metro Health System
United Way of Greater Cleveland
University Circle Inc.
Vocational Guidance Services

Government Placements

All Aboard Ohio
Beachwood Chamber of Commerce
City of Akron
City of Cleveland
City of Shaker Heights
Cleveland City Planning Commission
Cuyahoga County Board of Health
Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones
Cuyahoga County Library
Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
Hopkins International Airport
Northeast Ohio Sourcing Office
Office of the County Administrator
State of Ohio
U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown

Education Placements

Case Western Reserve University
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Cleveland Council on World Affairs
Cleveland School of Science and Medicine (CSSM)
Cleveland STEM Initiative
Citizens' Academy
Cuyahoga Community College
Cuyahoga County Public Library
Entrepreneurship Preparatory School
Friends of E Prep
Saint Joseph's Academy
TIES, Cleveland STEM Initiative
University of Akron
Urban Community School
Urban League of Greater Cleveland
Ursuline Colleg
Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio

Corporate Placements

A Piece of Cleveland
American Greetings
AmTrust Bank
Bridge Investment Fund, L.P.
Charter One
City Architecture, Inc.
Currere Consulting
Eaton Corporation
Forest City Enterprises, Inc.
Greater Cleveland Partnership
Hyland Software
KeyBank
LeBron James Family Foundation
National City Bank, now a part of PNC
NorTech
RPM International, Inc.
Regional Talent Network
Team Northeast Ohio
The Coral Company
The Sherwin-Williams Company
Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P.
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