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BOARD FELLOWS PROGRAM

Information Session



FOSTER
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CONSULTING & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Consulting and Business Development Center is a learning laboratory that gives students real-world consulting experience they can use to jumpstart their careers and grow businesses in underserved communities.

BOARD FELLOWS PROGRAM HISTORY

[Link](#)



- Program began in 2000 with 3 students and 3 nonprofits
- Similar programs at other top business schools
- Since the program began in 2000, there have been over **600** Board fellows that have successfully completed graduate projects with over **100** Nonprofit Organizations across the Greater King County area.

BENEFITS

Students:

- Application of graduate skills in a real world setting
- Increased understanding of organizational governance
- Expanded understanding of management in the nonprofit sector
- Connections with local business leaders
- Earn 4 credits (2 – Fall; 0 – Winter; 2 - Spring)
- Can be used to fulfill 4 credit MBA elective
- Project may be used to fulfill MPA elective credits
- Board Fellows project may be used for MBA practical experience (with prior approval from Sigrid or Kara)

BENEFITS

Nonprofit Boards

- Gain new skills and a fresh perspective from students
- Mentor the next generation of nonprofit board leaders
- Integrate Fellow into board and one committee
- Leverage MBA/MPA graduate student skills on a strategic project

BOARD FELLOWS IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 1: Nonprofits applications due
- Mar 1: Nonprofits notified of selection
- Feb 6 – Feb 27: Student information sessions
- Mar 4: Student application opens
- April 5: Student application dues
- April 8-12: Nonprofits receive students' applications and resumes
- April 26: Nonprofits submit their selections for student interviews
- May 6: Students and nonprofits will be notified if they are selected for the interview day
- May 24, 8:00 – 11:00 am: Board Fellows Interview Day
- June 10-14: Non-profits and students notified of matches

Program Overview

1. Selection (by June 10-14)
2. Kick-Off Breakfast/Training
(Friday, Sept 27, 2019 - 7:00-9:00 am)
3. Mentoring
4. Board Meeting & Committee
Participation
5. Board Leadership Webinars
6. Projects

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Current MBA, MPA, and MSW students are eligible to apply and must be attending classes in Seattle/Kirkland (TMMBA) during the entire 2019-2020 academic year.
2. Online applications are **due by Friday, April 5, 2019 by 11:59 pm.**
3. Non-profits receive student applications and pick up 6 students to interview.
4. Students and non-profits meet for interviews*

Note: not everyone who applies will be selected for an interview. Likewise not everyone who interviews will be matched with a non-profit. The students and non-profits have to mutually select one another through UW's matching process.

Board Fellows Interview Day
Friday, May 24, 2019 - 8:00 – 11:00 am
UW Anthony's Forum

PROJECTS



Project Considerations:

1. Is it important to the board of directors? (Board level NOT intern level)
2. Will the results be discussed and used by the board?
3. Is it clearly defined, have a beginning and an end, and been agreed upon by the mentor, the CEO and the Fellow?
4. Is it strategic in nature?
5. Does the project use the Fellow's experience and expertise?

PROJECTS

Sample Projects

- Develop a technology plan to increase board effectiveness
- Develop a self-evaluation process for the board of directors
- Board meeting best practices: analysis and recommendations
- Board recruitment strategy
- Orientation program for new board members
- Board succession planning
- Board engagement strategy
- Strategy for adapting the board to a change in bylaws
- Board dashboard- to track financial and social performance of org.

PARTICIPATING NON-PROFITS 2019-2020

- Academy for Precision Learning
- Boyer Children's Clinic
- Business Impact NW
- Center for Human Services
- Child Care Resources
- City Fruit
- Country Doctor Community Health Centers
- Denise Louie Education Center
- EarthCorps
- Equal Rights Washington
- Imagine Housing
- Jazz Night School
- Mwanzo
- Northaven Senior Living
- Northwest Avalanche Center
- PeaceTrees Vietnam
- Pike Market Child Care & Preschool
- Pike Place Market Foundation
- Robert Chinn Foundation
- Rotary First Harvest
- Safe Crossings Foundation
- Seattle Goodwill Industries
- Seattle Jazzed
- Seattle Opera
- SIFF
- Sound Child Care Solutions
- TeamChild
- The Mountaineers
- Verity Credit Union
- Washington DECA
- Yoga Behind Bars
- Zeno

APPLICATION TIPS

Take time to answer the questions thoughtfully.

- Why are you interested in being a board fellow?
- What skills or expertise do you have that you believe would be useful to a nonprofit board?
- Do you have prior experience as a non-profit board member, staff or volunteer?

Update your resume for this program.

- Limit your resume to one page.
- Include your personal interests and any nonprofit work you may have done in the past.

FAQS

How is a fellow different from an intern?

The UW Board Fellows Program focuses on the nonprofit board governance experience rather than the day-to-day workings of a nonprofit organization. The fellow can be a valuable member of the governance team, bringing expertise and skills to the organization.

How much time will the fellow spend on the program?

This fellowship involves both experiential learning and webinars. On average, each month the student can expect to spend about 2-3 hours attending board meetings, 1-2 hours preparing for board meetings, and 2-4 hours working on the project. The project will take more time in winter and spring quarter.

FAQS

Do I have to participate in the Board Leadership Webinars?

Yes! The Board Leadership webinars are an integral part of the program and your participation is required.

Can I participate in the program as a first year MBA MPA, MSW student?

No- the Board Fellows is open only to students who are in their second or third year of study.

NEXT STEPS

Deadline to apply: **Friday, April 5, 2019**

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Questions?

THANK YOU