

# THE 2016 CARLSON CIVIC FELLOWSHIP

## A two-quarter community-based leadership development program for undergraduate UW students

The three students selected as Carlson Civic Fellows will:

- Engage in at least **10 hours of service a week from January-June 2016**, with a community-based organization on one of the projects described below
- Participate in a 3 credit **Community-Based Leadership Course** (Winter 2016)
- Take part in a variety of **community events**
- Engage in structured reflection, mentorship and peer support while developing professional skills and deepening **personal strengths and leadership** abilities
- Receive a **\$2,500 stipend** to make participation in the program and all of its activities more feasible

## 2016 Carlson Civic Fellowship Positions

### Civic Engagement Fellow (Engaging the API Community) with Asian Counseling & Referral Service (ACRS)

Data shows that less than 40% of Asian Pacific Islanders in Seattle voted in 2014. There is an extreme need for the community to increase its political representation so that its experiences of structural and institutional racism diminish. This Carlson Civic Fellow will work with ACRS to explore the many barriers to voter turnout, and help empower the community to develop a strong political voice. **The Fellow will:** help conduct workshops to train ACRS staff on voting-related considerations and processes; create and lead similar leadership development opportunities for ACRS' community members; organize a visibility campaign; distribute educational resources; and help track ongoing community engagement.

### Community Mobilization Fellow (Ending Migrant Detention) with Puentes

Puentes strives to help undocumented migrants and their families cope and flourish despite a broken immigration system. One of the most urgent needs it focuses on is putting an end to migrant detention. Puentes recognizes that a key strategy in effecting change is to mobilize faith-based communities towards awareness and advocacy. This Carlson Civic Fellow will support Puentes' grassroots effort to mobilize religious communities into taking action. **The Fellow will:** build personal relationships and facilitate partnerships with key stakeholders; collect testimonies, conduct research, and produce related educational content; and co-develop campaigns to promote the goal of immigration reform both nationally and locally.

### Advisory Council Fellow (Racial and Economic Justice) with Solid Ground

Solid Ground works to end poverty and undo racism and other oppression that are root causes of poverty. Its programs support over 60k Seattleites each year in meeting their urgent housing, food and life skills needs, to escape poverty and thrive. Solid Ground is developing an Advisory Council for its program participants' voices to be heard, valued and incorporated into the program decisions that affect them. The Carlson Civic Fellow will collaborate with Solid Ground's Anti-Racism Initiative Manager and other staff on the preparation, coordination and creation of this Council. **The Fellow will:** conduct research on community-engagement by non-profits to inform strategy; build relationships through outreach and recruitment; and prepare for and support Council members leading up to a summer town-hall style convening.



2015 Fellow Vinh-Thuy Nguyen served with the International Rescue Committee, researching and developing a citizenship preparation program for people recently resettled to the U.S.

- ➔ Learn more and access application through <http://www.washington.edu/carlson/>
- ➔ Applications are due to [engage@uw.edu](mailto:engage@uw.edu) by Monday, October 19 at 5:00 pm!

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