

SUPERVISOR APPROVAL FOR EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION

As global forces increasingly shape local outcomes, Atlanta's leaders must be prepared to operate in an interconnected world. In response, the World Affairs Council of Atlanta launched the Global Leadership Fellows, a selective, cohort-based leadership development program for early-career professionals.

The program cultivates globally fluent, cross-sector leaders positioned to shape Atlanta's future across business, government, civil society, and the nonprofit industries. Fellows are selected from diverse professional backgrounds and bring 5–15 years of experience to a 10-month learning experience grounded in real-world exposure and applied leadership.

Through a structured series of Master Classes, leadership coaching, and an international immersion, the Global Leadership Fellows program prioritizes direct engagement with decision-makers, institutions, and global challenges. Fellows gain practical insight into how global systems function and how leadership decisions are made—emerging better equipped to navigate complexity, build relationships and contribute to Atlanta's civic, economic, and professional landscape.

Program Highlights

Dynamic Master Classes

Six immersive, full-day themed programs during which Fellows gain first-hand exposure to international ecosystems that fuel Atlanta. This experiential learning includes high-level dialogue with senior executives, subject matter experts, distinguished diplomats and dignitaries, and exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of key Atlanta organizations.

Professional Coaching

Leadership growth is intentionally woven throughout the program. Fellows engage in facilitated leadership development sessions and coaching conversations that focus on Strategic thinking and decision-making, leading across difference and complexity, communication, negotiation, and influence, and values-based leadership in global contexts

International Immersion

The program features a week-long international immersion, where Fellows explore global systems firsthand through site visits, expert briefings, and cross-sector engagement. The immersion reinforces learning from the Master Classes while expanding Fellows' global perspective through direct experience.

Organizational Value, Importance, and Prestige of Participation

The Global Leadership Fellows program is a prestigious opportunity for employees to grow their leadership capabilities, gain a global perspective, and build high-value networks. Departmental teams and whole organizations benefit from employees' personal and professional development.

Advanced Leadership Skills

Strengthening leadership capabilities through hands-on coaching.

Global Perspective

Gaining insights into international best practices and strategies by engaging with experts from diverse backgrounds and industries.

Networking Opportunities

Building a local and global network of professionals for peer and business collaboration and partnerships.

Enhanced Innovation

Contributing innovative solutions to organizational challenges through exposure to new ideas and approaches.

Knowledge Sharing

Sharing acquired knowledge and skills with colleagues to foster a culture of continuous learning.

Personal Transformation

Discovering self-knowledge through a deep sense of belonging within a supportive local peer community.

Program Dates

Refer to the website www.wacatl.org/glf for detailed information on the program dates, the responsibilities of the Fellows, and the expectations for their active attendance and participation.

Approval for Employee Participation

Applicant's Name

Job Title

Supervisor's Email

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I approve of the above-mentioned employee to attend and participate in all events, programs, and the International Immersion experience associated with the Global Leadership Fellows program and support their commitment to this transformative professional opportunity, should they be selected. If accepted, I understand the employee is responsible for the \$500 participation fee.

Supervisor's Signature

Date

If you do not have a supervisor, sign below.

Applicant's Signature

Date

For any questions or additional information, contact us at wacatl@gsu.edu.