



# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

*Shaping Atlanta's Future*

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# SHAPING ATLANTA'S FUTURE

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As international events and issues increasingly shape local realities, Atlanta stands to leverage its unprecedented influence on the global stage. To meet this moment, the World Affairs Council of Atlanta introduces the Global Leadership Fellows, a first-of-its-kind international leadership development experience for early career professionals.

Atlanta must constantly innovate to remain prosperous, competitive, and relevant in the 21st century. Fulfilling our city's economic and cultural potential requires leaders from every corner of our community. The Global Leadership Fellows is a talent pipeline of diverse, visionary leaders preparing to steward Atlanta's economy, culture, and quality of life. Through coaching, training, immersive learning, and international travel, the program transforms high-potential young professionals with 5-15 years of career experience into globally astute leaders ready to lead Atlanta into the future.

# TRAINING GLOBAL LEADERS

The World Affairs Council of Atlanta selects a group of exceptional professionals known as "Fellows," to participate in a transformative experience in leadership development, global awareness, and international immersion. Through dynamic Master Classes, professional coaching, and an immersive international experience, Fellows gain invaluable skills and insights, preparing them to lead in an increasingly interconnected world.

## DYNAMIC MASTER CLASSES

Master Classes are 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

Fellows will participate in a week-long international immersion to deepen their understanding of global economic, cultural, and political connections. Through firsthand insights into diverse business environments, cross-cultural exploration, and engagement with leaders, Fellows broaden their global perspectives and enhance their skills for leading in an interconnected world.








Master Classes focus on core competencies explored through themed program days. This structure equips Fellows with a well-rounded, globally conscious foundation, preparing them to tackle the challenges of an interconnected world. By engaging with these competencies, Fellows develop the skills to address global issues, navigate diverse environments, and contribute meaningfully to their organizations and communities.



**1**

**Geopolitics & Diplomacy**




**2**

**Capital**



**3**

**Civil Society**



**4**

**Technology**



**5**

**International Business**



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**Governance & Policy**

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance at all Master Classes, and orientation retreat, graduation, and the international immersion is mandatory (refer to the program calendar). Acceptance into the program requires Fellows to acknowledge and commit to this expectation prior to submitting their application. This demonstrates commitment to the shared group experience.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Fellows are invited to participate in World Affairs Council of Atlanta events. By engaging in these activities, Fellows can participate in informed discussions on global affairs and connect with Atlanta's international, political, civic, and business communities.





# PROGRAM IMPACT

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## ADVANCED LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Strengthen leadership capabilities through cutting-edge training.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Gain insights into international best practices and strategies by engaging with leaders from diverse cultural backgrounds.

## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Build a local and global network of professionals for potential collaborations and partnerships.

## ENHANCED INNOVATION

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

## KNOWLEDGE SHARING

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

## PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION

Discover a deep sense of belonging within a supportive local peer community.



# APPLICATION DETAILS

## Application Period

Check online at [www.wacatlanta.org/glf](http://www.wacatlanta.org/glf)  
*Incomplete and late submissions will not be accepted.*

## Commitment to Diversity and Merit

The selection process is rigorous and competitive, designed to identify individuals who demonstrate exceptional potential and a strong commitment to leadership and innovation. We value diversity in all its forms and seek candidates from varied sectors and perspectives. Our selection criteria and methods are objective, ensuring fairness and transparency throughout the process.

## Commitment to Participate

Applicants confirm and agree upon submission of materials to attend and participate in all events, programs, and the international immersion tour (see calendar).

## Participation Fee

Upon acceptance of an invitation, Fellows are required to pay a participation fee. Additional details online.

## Supervisor Approval

Fellows must provide written and signed approval from their supervisors regarding the program's time commitment, events, activities, and schedule.

## Passport

Applicants must ensure their passport is valid for at least six months beyond the date of the international study tour.

## International Immersion

Fellows must participate in the week-long international immersion program.

For complete program requirements and guidelines, please visit [www.wacatlanta.org/glf](http://www.wacatlanta.org/glf)

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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## Application Form

Apply at [www.wacatlanta.org/glf](http://www.wacatlanta.org/glf)

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## Résumé

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## Participation Agreement Form

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## Supervisor Approval Form

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**Short Answer Questions** - Respond to each question with 200-300 words max.

- **Leadership:** Describe an instance in which you demonstrated leadership. What were your key achievements and challenges? How did your personal leadership style and/or capabilities contribute to the outcome?
- **Global Perspective:** What do you believe are the most critical global issues today and how should leaders address them?
- **Contribution:** What unique perspectives or experiences can you bring to the program?
- **Goals and Knowledge Sharing:** What specific skills or knowledge are you hoping to gain from your Global Leadership Fellows experience? How do you plan to share the knowledge and skills gained from this program with others in your organization or community?
- **Open Ended:** Share additional information that you believe would assist the Selection Committee in assessing your qualifications for this opportunity.

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**Two Letters of Recommendation:** We value recommendation letters that provide a detailed and personalized assessment of an applicant's professional skills, character, and potential for leadership impact within the Global Leadership Fellows program. (Not from family or friends.)





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