

# Fellowship Application

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**Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal name) (Last) (First) (Middle)

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**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been employed by or been an intern at the Center for American Progress?**  Yes  No  
If yes, provide dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you find out about the fellowship program?** (Be specific)  
Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Also include in your application packet the following:**

- A personal statement of no more than two pages indicating the reason(s) you are applying for this fellowship, what you hope to gain from your experience, your background in public policy, and your goals related to working in the field. Identify your experience working with communities of color.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can write about your background and skills in performing public policy and your ability to learn. Letters must be emailed by the recommending individual to [leadership@americanprogress.org](mailto:leadership@americanprogress.org).
- Resume.

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I certify that the information contained on this form and in my application packet is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of application:** \_\_\_\_\_

All materials submitted must arrive in one package and must be postmarked by July 19, 2013. Materials become the confidential property of the Center for American Progress and are not returnable. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for a fellowship without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, marital status, citizenship, or any other protected status. No question on this application is intended to secure information to be used for such discrimination. The Center for American Progress offers equal opportunity and treatment to all who apply and is committed to diversity.

**Send application packet to:**  
[leadership@americanprogress.org](mailto:leadership@americanprogress.org)

**Application deadline:**  
July 19, 2013

## Program description

The Leadership Institute seeks to identify, equip, and advance a new generation of policy experts from diverse backgrounds and communities to assume leadership roles in the development and implementation of progressive public policies. The program will consist of a class of Leadership Fellows, drawn from communities of color, who have demonstrated an interest and commitment to progressive public policies. Leadership Fellows will gather two days of each month for nine months to discover, define, and develop a network and enhanced skills necessary to create and advocate policy ideas to diverse constituencies. CAP's Leadership Institute is a project of [Progress 2050](#), which develops new ideas for an increasingly diverse America.

## Purpose

CAP's Leadership Institute goal is to increase the participation of progressive people of color among the thinkers, shapers, and planners of policy at every level of government as well as within nonprofit organizations and groups that influence public policy.

We will assist Fellows by exposing:

- Contacts and networks with the progressive policy world, including grassroots organizations, media, and government
- Methods to introduce policy ideas to diverse groups and move policy ideas from inception to effecting permanent mainstream change by employing field operations, research analysis, legislation, nonprofit collaborations, and tactical messaging

## Program dates

The second Leadership Institute will begin September 12, 2013 and continue through May 16, 2014.

## Coursework and curricula

The Institute will present an engagement program for Fellows that includes seminars, policy organization observation, visits to policy and media hubs, networking events, and dinner discussions. Fellows may have an opportunity to develop or assist in a policy project during their class term.

## Session topics will include

- Executive leadership and strategic planning
- Communications: Messaging, media, and outreach
- Progressive history
- The role of polling and research
- Development and grantwriting
- Policies for a changing nation: America in 2050
- Immigration
- Poverty reduction
- Civil rights and justice
- International and national security
- Lobbying and government affairs

## Participant profile

Leadership Institute Fellow applicants should be highly motivated individuals seeking to expand their skills, perspectives, and networks to impact progressive social change. Successful applicants will have a demonstrated interest in filling the gaps that exist between traditional public policies and communities of color. All Fellows must have demonstrated experience in policy or public service fields. If currently employed, applicants must secure written support from a supervisor affirming their participation in the program's activities. It's highly preferable that fellows live in the Washington, D.C. area or be capable of commuting to the area for monthly two-day meetings during the program period.

## Application process

- Fellowship application form (download)
- **Personal statement:** No more than two pages indicating the reason(s) you are applying for this Fellowship, what you hope to gain from the experience, your background in the policy arena, and your goals related to working in the field of policy planning.
- **Resume** (and photo, optional).
- **Two (2) current recommendation letters:** Letters should speak to your relevant background and skills.
- There is no monetary compensation or stipend associated with this institute. All chosen participants must be able to attend all Leadership Institute Sessions.
- **Application deadline: July 19, 2013.**