



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
of Atlanta



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

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

In 2025, the Council will select 12 professionals, known as “Fellows,” who will benefit from three broad educational objectives 1) Leadership Development, 2) Global Acumen, and 3) International Immersion. They will be exposed to fundamental core competencies necessary to lead with a global mindset: Geopolitics and Diplomacy, Governance and Policy, International Business, Civil Society, Technology, and Capital.

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

Fellows hone their leadership skills by working with professional coaches who guide them through hands-on personal and professional development training. Through peer-to-peer mentoring, Fellows develop meaningful relationships to support them throughout their lives and careers.

INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION

In 2025, the Fellows will travel to Germany. Germany is one of Georgia’s top 3 investors, with over 500 German companies employing more than 25,000 Georgians. Georgia, in turn, boasts 58 companies with operations in Germany. Beyond commerce, our ties in arts, culture, tourism, and academia are thriving. Fellows deepen their understanding of intricate transatlantic connections, preparing them to lead with a truly global perspective.





PROGRAM IMPACT

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.

PROGRAM DATES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PROGRAM DATES

Orientation Retreat

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Master Class 1

Friday, January 31, 2025

Master Class 2

Friday, February 21, 2025

International Women's Day Breakfast

Master Class 3

Friday, March 7, 2025

Master Class 4

Friday, March 28, 2025

International Immersion in Germany

Master Class 5

Friday, April 25 – May 3, 2025

Master Class 6

Friday, May 30, 2025

Graduation & Readout*

Thursday, June 5, 2025

Fellow's supervisor and two colleagues will be invited to attend.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Throughout the year, the World Affairs Council of Atlanta's Young Leaders organize local volunteer service days. Fellows are expected to participate in one of these service days, contributing their time and skills to support community initiatives and foster a spirit of service and civic engagement.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Fellows are invited to become a member and participate in the World Affairs Council of Atlanta's events like Keynote Speaker Series, Members Forum Salon, and Young Leaders Programs. 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.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on the program dates listed above is mandatory. Acceptance into the program requires participants to acknowledge and commit to these days before submitting their application. This demonstrates commitment to the shared group experience.



APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Period

Thursday, August 15, 2024 - Tuesday, October 15, 2024 (11:59 p.m. EST) *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 \$300 participation fee.

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

For information on eligible expenses for the International Immersion experience covered by the Global Leadership Fellows travel grant, please refer to the FAQs page online.

For complete program requirements and guidelines, please visit www.wacatlanta.org/glf

APPLICATION CHECKLIST



Scan the QR code to apply.

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Application Form

Apply at www.wacatlanta.org/glf

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Résumé

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Applicant's Commitment to Attend and Participate in Program and International Immersion Form

4

Supervisor Approval for Employee Participation Form

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

- 1. 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?
- 2. Global Perspective:** What do you believe are the most critical global issues today and how should leaders address them?
- 3. Contribution:** What unique perspectives or experiences can you bring to the program?
- 4. 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?
- 5. Time Commitment:** How will you manage your time and commitments to fully participate and engage in this program?
- 6.** Is there any 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: (Not from family or friends) 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.



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