

IGNITE Fellowship Program Overview

ABOUT IGNITE

IGNITE is building a national movement to dramatically increase the pool of women who are prepared and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. As a nonpartisan 501c3, IGNITE builds political ambition in high school and college-aged young women in their own communities. Our vision is to build a movement of young women who are civically engaged, respond to issues in their own communities, and who ultimately pursue elective office.

IGNITE FELLOWS

IGNITE is offering a yearlong Fellowship Program for young women who are civically engaged, politically ambitious, and aim to position themselves for a life of political leadership. During the 2017-18 academic year, IGNITE will select 8 Fellows in the following communities: Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Denver, CO; Los Angeles - Southern CA; Minneapolis, MN; New York, NY; San Antonio, TX; and Seattle, WA

IGNITE National is located in the San Francisco Bay Area. IGNITE Fellows will work in their home communities and will travel to national trainings and convenings.

Key Program Highlights:

Kick-off training in San Francisco Bay Area (September 13 – 16, 2017)

IGNITE Fellows will launch the year with a week-long orientation and training in the San Francisco Bay Area, featuring political leadership training and meetings with prominent elected women leaders.

Advocacy Training + National Meeting in Washington DC (Summer 2018)

The IGNITE Fellowship culminates in Washington DC where the cohort meets with Congresswoman and Senators, highlevel policymakers, and advocacy groups engaged in the policy process. IGNITE fellows will also present their work across the academic year.

Informational interviews with female legislators

IGNITE Fellows access a vast network of elected women leaders, policymakers, and campaign consultants who can advance their careers. Each Fellow will have the opportunity to have no fewer than 3 informational interviews over the course of a year with elected women leaders from their home state (or beyond). Those interviews will be a two-way street: Fellows will interview the elected leaders about how and why they ran for their particular offices, and they will be able to present their own backgrounds and goals to the elected women for career guidance and potential job and internship leads. Ultimately, each IGNITE Fellow will write up what she learned for publication on the IGNITE blog and other social media.

Media training and promotion

Fellows will receive an intensive communications training focused on media and message delivery so that IGNITE Fellows can be called upon for IGNITE press and public speaking activities throughout the year. IGNITE will promote our fellows in various media and public speaking outlets in their home regions, as well as on the IGNITE blog and on behalf of IGNITE in outside media outlets.

Webinars

IGNITE Fellows will attend webinars where they will acquire a deeper knowledge of politics, policy, and advocacy from the top people in the field. Seminar topics may include: immigration policy, reproductive rights and women's health, paid parental leave, fundraising fundamentals, and more.

Fellows will be responsible for the following work product over the course of the year:

Build and sustain an IGNITE college council across your region

IGNITE College Councils are a regional body made up of politically motivated and ambitious women leaders who want to build their own leadership skills and bring the IGNITE program to their college campuses. The Council meets quarterly to discuss relevant policy issues, hear from dynamic elected official speakers, develop political leadership skills, and build a network that can facilitate their ambitions for civic and political leadership. IGNITE fellows are responsible for building and sustaining high-performing and thriving college councils in the state that they reside in. To do that Fellows will:

- Secure space and manage logistics (including food, technology, materials and supplies) associated with each College Council meeting
- Recruit 2-3 representatives from at least 4 local colleges/universities to serve on the IGNITE College Council
- Ensure College Council members active attendance and engagement in the quarterly meetings
- Coordinate speakers and trainers for each meetings
- Facilitate each College Council meeting

Build and sustain college chapters in your region

IGNITE College Councilwomen ultimately will bring IGNITE to their campuses by building college chapters, which increase the civic engagement and political leadership of campus women, provide college/university women with a network of like-minded, ambitious peers and help young women run for office on their campus and beyond. To build these chapters, IGNITE Fellows will work with College Council members from each campus to:

- Facilitate and lead college informational sessions to introduce IGNITE to the school community on college campuses
- Meet and communicate with college leaders on a bi-monthly basis
- Visit college chapters
- Support college leaders in sourcing elected officials and policy presenters
- Build partnerships with on-campus leaders to effectively support college leaders as they build their chapter
- Build relationships with local elected officials and candidates, trainers and community organizations

Create and Submit a Program Portfolio

IGNITE wants to see what you're up to! IGNITE fellows will be responsible for sharing programmatic progress across the academic year through writing, photo or video or a combination. Each month, Fellows will submit highlights of accomplishments within the region through writing, photo stories, and videos from events. Fellows will also be expected to submit a summative document that details their successes, key relationships they have developed and information for the next fellow to continue the work.

Supervision + Support

All IGNITE fellows will report to IGNITE's Chief Program Officer. Fellows are responsible for weekly communication to ensure they are meeting program benchmarks. IGNITE will provide each fellow with extensive training and ongoing coaching and supervision. Fellows **MUST** attend ALL scheduled trainings.