



# 2016–2017 Membership Application

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

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**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 membership program?** (Be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

**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 membership, 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.
- Resume.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can write about your background and skills in the performing public policy and your ability to learn. Letters must be sent by the recommending individual to [leadership@americanprogress.org](mailto:leadership@americanprogress.org).

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 September 9, 2016. Materials become the confidential property of the Center for American Progress and are not returnable. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for a membership 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:**  
September 9, 2016

## **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 Members, drawn from communities of color, who have an interest and commitment to progressive public policies. Leadership Members will gather each month for eight 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 Members by exposing them to contacts and networks within the progressive policy world, including grassroots organizations, media, and government.

## **Program dates**

The Leadership Institute will begin October 13, 2016, and continue through May 19, 2017.

## **Coursework and curricula**

The Leadership Institute offers an engaging program for Members that includes seminars, policy discussions, and networking opportunities designed to provide enhanced employment opportunities in the federal government, think tanks, and nonprofit organizations engaged in progressive policymaking.

## Participant profile

Leadership Institute Member applicants should be highly motivated individuals seeking to expand their skills, perspectives, and networks to impact progressive social change. We seek individuals in the early stages of their careers—less than five years of work experience—who show promise in developing progressive public policies. Successful applicants will have a demonstrated interest in filling the gaps that exist between traditional public policies and communities of color. It's highly preferable that Members live in the Washington, D.C. area or be capable of commuting to the area for monthly meetings during the program period.

## Application process

- Membership application form (download)
- **Personal statement:** No more than two pages indicating the reason(s) you are applying for this Membership, 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**
- **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: September 9, 2016**