

FOCUS Impact Fellows

A program of FOCUS St. Louis®

As FOCUS' most advanced program, Impact Fellows offers emerging and experienced leaders the opportunity to work together to address a specific issue in the St. Louis region.

About the FOCUS Impact Fellows Program

Each year, more than 350 individuals graduate from FOCUS' civic leadership training programs. The most common question upon completion is "What's next?" FOCUS Impact Fellows represents that next step, offering one more exciting way that graduates can put their leadership into action.

Launched in 2016, offering emerging and experienced leaders the opportunity to work together to address a specific issue in the St. Louis region.

In addition to producing a tangible outcome, project and/or solution, participants will gain considerable training and experience in change management, problem-solving, group dynamics, systems thinking and project management.

While the FOCUS Impact Fellows program is new for the St. Louis region, similar programs in other cities have had significant success in facilitating positive and sustainable change on issues ranging from economic development to health to education.

This is a one-of-a-kind experience to work alongside your fellow leaders to produce real and meaningful change.



Who Should Apply

As Impact Fellows represents the most advanced FOCUS' training program, previous leadership training and/or experience is required, and completion of a FOCUS leadership program is highly recommended.

As the goal of FOCUS Impact Fellows is to bring new faces, perspectives and skill sets to a community issue, previous experience or in-depth knowledge of the selected topic is not a requirement for application and/or participation. Candidates from all backgrounds, sectors and industries are encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

Applications for the FOCUS Impact Fellows program can be found online at www.focus-stl.org.

If you are new to FOCUS, two letters of recommendation will be required. (This requirement is waived for FOCUS program graduates.)

The application deadline for the 2017 class is Friday, Feb. 17, 2017.

Topic

The 2017 Impact Fellows will work on an issue of regional significance, with the specific topic to be determined by the selected class.

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2017 Program Dates

Attendance at program days is mandatory and includes time for both training and skill development, as well as working time on the selected class project(s). Program days are held at the FOCUS St. Louis office downtown and at locations around the region, as dictated by the needs and focus of the selected project.

Additionally, please plan to spend time outside of the program days for individual and group work. The amount of time will vary depending on the project selected, but could include conference calls, small group meetings or research, as determined by the class.

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Friday, March 24, 2017

Friday, April 21 - Saturday, April 22, 2017

Friday, April 28, 2017

May - small group meetings - TBD

Friday, June 2, 2017

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Friday, August 4, 2017

Friday, September 1, 2017

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Friday, December 8, 2017

Tuition

The tuition for the FOCUS Impact Fellows is \$3,500, which includes meals, parking, materials, training and a one-year FOCUS membership. Tuition may be paid by the individual participant, participant's employer, another organization or some combination thereof.

Partial scholarships are available for qualifying candidates after selection into the program.



For more information

Contact Felicia Pulliam, FOCUS Impact Fellows Director, at 314-657-4026 or feliciap@focus-stl.org.

About FOCUS St. Louis

FOCUS St. Louis is the region's premier leadership organization, preparing diverse leaders to work cooperatively for a thriving St. Louis region through experience-based leadership training, civic issue education and public engagement initiatives. As a neutral convener and facilitator, FOCUS engages citizens to deliberate on critical regional community issues in a trusted, nonpartisan space.

FOCUS offers a continuum of eight leadership programs to engage leaders from high school students to senior executives. Program alumni have been inspired to launch new nonprofit agencies, start businesses, and run for political offices. They serve on hundreds of boards and provide thousands of hours of volunteer work. FOCUS alumni and members are leaders who make a difference.

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