

EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

CLASS OF 2010-2012

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Mission

Among Chicago's many assets is a generation of leaders which has overseen the city's transformation from industrial powerhouse to global city. These men and women understood that their world was changing, was globalizing, and that Chicago had to change with it. A new generation is now rising to leadership. Just as the current generation enabled Chicago to become a global city, this new generation will make the decisions and exercise the leadership that will equip the city to compete and thrive in this global era. The city's future depends on their abilities to meet this challenge, and serve as agents of change.

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs' Emerging Leaders Program is a two-year program that draws the best and the brightest emerging leaders from across business, civic, government, and academic sectors from the Chicagoland area. The program provides these Emerging Leaders (ELs) with a deeper understanding of Chicago's place in the global economy and of the steps the city must take to successfully compete and thrive. ELs also gain a strong network of contacts with current civic and business leaders and, perhaps more importantly, with their Chicagoland peers who are also grappling with global challenges. In short, they emerge better prepared to assume key leadership positions in this global era.

The Chicago Council, with the support of the McCormick Foundation, is seeking to identify the next class of ELs: a group of exceptional individuals who will lead the city in the 21st century, who are in tune with global trends, and who can spot and react to the fast-paced world that is key to Chicago's future. These leaders must be global citizens in every sense, with roots sunk deep in Chicago's soil, but with a gaze that spans beyond oceans and borders. The Council seeks to reflect in the selection of fellows the diversity of the Chicago community that is vital to the city's global future.

Program

This is a two year program. During the first year, ELs will attend an introductory meeting followed by four half-day seminars, a variety of dinner briefings with global affairs experts, occasional site visits to local agencies and businesses, and informal events that allow the fellows to interact. The seminars offer in-depth discussions of issues such as the global economy and Chicago's role; immigration and its impact on Chicago and the Midwest; climate change legislation and its impact on Chicago's competitiveness; and the geopolitics of U.S. foreign policy. The dinner briefings and site visits are designed around the preferences and priorities of the Class' members so that they can gain insight into issues of direct importance to them. The Chicago Council also looks for opportunities to include ELs in ongoing Chicago Council activities and exclusive meetings, to the extent that the fellow's interests and availability make this possible.

In the second year of the program, ELs work with Chicago Council staff to define, develop, and produce a report on a pressing global challenge that affects Chicago and the Midwest. Representatives of the group present their recommendations to members of The Chicago Council Board and at a Chicago Council public event at the end of the two-year program.

ELs also receive complimentary membership in The Chicago Council's President's Circle, the Council's leadership forum which offers top donors in-depth experiences with experts and leaders whose views help shape the world. This membership provides ELs access to Chicago's leaders as well as exclusive programs.

Qualifications

The Chicago Council is seeking approximately twenty globally oriented emerging leaders between the ages of 35 and 45 to join this program. Candidates related to Chicago Council staff are not eligible. Successful candidates will demonstrate:

- An aptitude for high-level leadership and the prospect of attaining roles with significant responsibility in their professional and/or civic activities
- A career trajectory that will come into direct contact with international issues
- A verifiable record of knowledge and achievement
- An active involvement in Chicago's civic community
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- The willingness to make a very significant commitment of their personal time to participation in the program over a two-year period.

Candidates must be nominated by their employer or another interested organization or individual. Self-referrals will not be considered. Nominators are asked to submit a completed [nomination form](#) with a recommendation letter and a copy of the nominee's résumé to The Chicago Council on Global Affairs by **Monday, February 8, 2010**. Upon receipt of these materials, we will notify candidates of their nomination and ask them to complete a separate application. An independent selection committee comprised of prominent Chicago business and civic leaders will then interview and select the Class of 2010-2012 by June 2010.

Cost

With the generous support of the McCormick Foundation, among others, The Chicago Council will consider all candidates on the basis of merit, without regard to possible financial assistance. Recognizing the value the Emerging Leaders Program brings to the participants and their employers, The Chicago Council may approach corporate employers to seek their voluntary financial support of the program, following the selection process. If this poses a problem, please contact Juliana Kerr Viohl at (312) 821-7511, or elp@thechicagocouncil.org.

About The Chicago Council

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, founded in 1922 as The Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, is a leading independent, nonpartisan organization committed to influencing the discourse on global issues through contributions to opinion and policy formation, leadership dialogue, and public learning. It hosts over 150 influential foreign policy thinkers each year, and oversees task forces that help move forward thinking on key foreign policy issues.

For more information, please visit our website at www.thechicagocouncil.org, or contact Juliana Kerr Viohl at 312-821-7511 or elp@thechicagocouncil.org.

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NOMINATION FORM

Candidate's Name: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Thank you for taking the time to nominate the above candidate for The Chicago Council on Global Affairs Emerging Leaders Program. A letter incorporating candid and specific responses to the questions below will help the committee select the third class of Chicago Council Emerging Leaders, approximately twenty individuals from the Chicagoland area who will participate in a two-year program that will deepen their understanding of global affairs.

1. How long and in what connection have you known the applicant?
2. What are the applicant's major strengths? Please relate an occasion in which these strengths were demonstrated.
3. What are the applicant's weaknesses? How has she/he worked to overcome them?
4. What impact has the applicant had within his/her professional field?
5. How would you describe this candidate's intellectual ability?
6. How would you describe this candidate's personal integrity?
7. What do you expect this candidate to be doing in ten to fifteen years?
8. How would learning more about global affairs help this candidate?
9. How would this candidate's deepened engagement with global affairs help the Chicagoland area?
10. Will the candidate be able and willing to make the substantial commitment of time and energy over a two-year period to ensure his/her benefitting fully from the program?

This form, your letter, and a copy of the nominee's résumé must be submitted by **Monday, February 8, 2010** by email, fax, or mail to:

Attn: Juliana Kerr Viohl
The Chicago Council on Global Affairs
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Chicago, IL 60604
Fax: 312-821-7555
Email: elp@thechicagocouncil.org

The Selection Committee greatly appreciates your time and effort in undertaking this responsibility.