THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER FELLOWS PROGRAM

Providing business leaders with a unique opportunity to better understand New York City and take a more active role in shaping the city’s future.

OVERVIEW
The David Rockefeller Fellows Program prepares senior corporate executives for more active leadership in civic and public affairs, following the model of the Partnership’s founding chairman.

SELECTION CRITERIA
Fellows are:

- Nominated by CEO member of the Partnership
- Rising stars in business and potential future CEOs
- Engaged in the life of their community
- Representative of the diversity of New York City’s business community

OBJECTIVES

- Enhance business and civic leadership skills
- Facilitate access to the knowledge and networks necessary to forge effective public-private partnerships
- Establish relationships between leaders in the public, private and nonprofit sectors
- Develop an alumni network that will support the Partnership’s policy and program objectives

Greg Mondre, Silver Lake, Class of 2011

“For anyone seeking to understand what differentiates New York as one of the most dynamic cities in the world, the David Rockefeller Fellows Program offers unparalleled access to its disparate institutions straddling the realms of government, finance, culture, law enforcement and more. The Program pulls back the curtain for participants to glimpse the complex reality and glimpse of a great global metropolis.”

420
SENIOR EXECUTIVES HAVE PARTICIPATED.

Upon program completion, Fellows join an elite group of business leaders who are active across civic life in New York City.
TIME COMMITMENT

Participation in the David Rockefeller Fellows Program is a once-in-a life time opportunity. Over the course of the 12-month program, Fellows attend a series of scheduled meetings, site visits and tours that are held two to three times per month. Fellows are required to attend each session and must be able to commit the time and attention the program requires.

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John McAvoy, ConEdison, Class of 2011

“One of the best things about being the leader of a New York City-based company is that we can help shape the health of our urban environment where we live and work. The program gives executives the opportunity to understand how New York City works and how public-private partnerships can help the city and the business community innovate, grow and thrive together.”

Lisa Quiroz, Time Warner Inc., Class of 2007

“The Fellows program gave me direct and substantive experience in how New York City government serves its diverse population. It has reinvigorated my interest in city politics and has motivated me to be an active and engaged leader.”

ABOVE: The 2016 Fellows class meet with Ellen Futter, President of the American Museum of Natural History.
PROGRAM YEAR

The David Rockefeller Fellows Program accepts a new class every fall to participate in a year-long experience.

PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERS

In a typical year, the Fellows meet with key government officials and heads of important nonprofit institutions to learn about their work and the issues they are dealing with. Fellows gain a new appreciation for the complexity and challenges of managing public agencies. They hear about issues from many perspectives—legislators, labor leaders, journalists, civic activists and academics.

PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERS

Fellows also meet in intimate settings with global business leaders, who share their insights on industry trends, management practices, and the value of civic engagement.

SITE VISITS

During the year, Fellows also gain a first-hand view of the city’s nerve centers, including the Command Centers of the NYC Police Department, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Con Edison. There are insider tours of the World Trade Center; Rikers Island Correctional Facility; public high schools and charter schools; Manhattan Family Court; and several arts and cultural institutions.

TOP: Second Avenue Subway MTA Capital Project tour, 2016
MIDDLE: Luncheon with David Rockefeller, 2012
BOTTOM: American Museum of Natural History tour, 2016