Principled, effective public leadership focuses on advancing the common good and making a positive difference in the world. Across every sector of society, the Center for Public Leadership is training exceptional leaders in the skills and habits of thinking that promote conscientious management, effective decision making, and the ability to direct change in complex times.

Nurturing emerging and established leaders, fostering authenticity, and inspiring public service advance Harvard Kennedy School’s goal of improving and promoting public leadership and creating more just, prosperous societies.
The Work of the Center for Public Leadership

A global hub for leadership learning, CPL’s programs include:

• **Graduate Student Fellowships:** CPL is home to fellowship programs offering vital tuition support and a close-knit cohort experience to over 130 students annually.

• **Public Leadership Co-Curricular Program:** CPL’s Co-Curricular Program offers specialized leadership development opportunities to all HKS students through peer cohorts, workshops, and intensives.

• **Hauser Leaders Program:** Hauser Leaders are high-level practitioners from across all sectors who nurture the next generation of public leaders on campus through advising, speaking in and out of the classroom, and sharing expertise.

• **The Leadership and Happiness Laboratory:** The LHL conducts integrative research and creates educational resources for leaders in all sectors to learn the science of happiness, apply it in their own lives, and share it with others.

• **Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Collaboratory:** NCRC trains leaders in the business, government, and nonprofit sectors with skills found at the critical intersection of negotiation and leadership.

• **Practicing Democracy Project:** PDP enables people to work together to develop leadership, build community, and create power to fulfill the democratic promise of equal, inclusive, and collective agency.

• **Program on Crisis Leadership:** PCL seeks to improve society’s capacity to deal with crises, focusing on risk reduction, emergency preparedness, crisis response, and disaster recovery leadership challenges.

• **Social Innovation + Change Initiative:** SICI develops research and educational programs that help students, citizens, and organizations initiate and implement social change.

• **William Monroe Trotter Collaborative for Social Justice:** The Trotter Collaborative employs applied research to promote citizen activism and nonpartisan policy solutions to civil rights and social justice issues.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

All numbers are annual unless otherwise noted.

120+ 
CPL student fellows

1000+ 
CPL fellowship alumni

50+ 
CPL faculty affiliates

**FROM THE CO-DIRECTORS**

“At the Center for Public Leadership, pre-eminent leadership faculty, esteemed public leaders, skilled staff, and our extraordinary students create a fertile laboratory for leadership development spanning the classroom and the field of public service.”

Hannah Riley Bowles

“The world needs principled, effective leaders at every level and in every sector who are willing to spend their political capital, not just accumulate it. The Center for Public Leadership is a community of scholars and practitioners pursuing a better tomorrow for all.”

Deval Patrick

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Top right: Former Congresswoman Liz Cheney with Hannah Riley Bowles and Deval Patrick at a recent JFK Jr. Forum.