



CPL Black Family Fellowship

This landmark program recognizes that those who have served and sacrificed for their country have the promise to bring fresh, responsible, and ethical leadership to the United States and to the world. The Black Family Fellowship strengthens the capacity for public leadership through an emphasis on ethics, negotiation skill development, and opportunities for personal reflection and guided growth.

Eligibility

The fellowship is open to admitted degree program students at Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Law School who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces or active-duty military students serving the United States. Applicants are considered based on their potential to lead change for the common good.

What We Offer

The Black Family Fellowship provides financial support toward a master's degree program at Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, and/or Harvard Law School, a comprehensive co-curricular program to augment leadership development, and a network of exceptional peers and mentors.

The Fellowship Experience

Fellows participate in a yearlong, not-for-credit co-curricular program intended to inspire, provide concrete opportunities for skill building, and connect fellows with an interdisciplinary network of emerging leaders. Programming includes seminars, an annual retreat, and experiential learning grounded in discussions with visionary leaders from the military, business, government, and non-profit sectors whose work has had significant real-world impact.

The Black Family Fellowship programming focuses on bridging the civilian-military gap with leadership development opportunities both for veterans who are working to transition from military to civilian leadership and for military students who will return to service. The fellowship places special value on character development and moral leadership.

CPL acknowledges the support of the Black Family for its support of the Black Family Fellowship.

"I entered the Black Family Fellowship hoping to find students just as dedicated to service and growth as I was. Instead, I found a family that has supported me over the past two years. My cohort and the CPL staff were invaluable for grounding my time at HKS and giving me a group of passionate, moral leaders to lean on."

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