



CPL Emirates Leadership Initiative Fellowship

Generously supported by a gift from the Government of the United Arab Emirates, the Emirates Leadership Initiative Fellowship (ELI) provides advanced training in public management and leadership development to emerging public and private sector leaders from the United Arab Emirates and the broader Arab region. The ELI Fellowship equips students with tools to be a powerful force for change in an evolving global arena.

Eligibility

The Emirates Leadership Initiative Fellowship is open to admitted degree program students at Harvard Kennedy School who are citizens of a country within the Arab League. Applicants are considered based on their demonstrated interest in developing their leadership and public management skills in these countries. Applications should also demonstrate excellent academic credentials, a deep commitment to public service, and strong leadership potential in the Middle East.

"The co-curricular approach of the Emirates Leadership Initiative Fellowship allows for a wealth of opportunities to meet and engage with speakers, field experts, and practitioners in addition to leadership development programming that is catered to your growth. There has been a great feeling of belonging and community, which has been extremely important to me."

Yasmin Kayali, MC-MPA 2023

What We Offer

The ELI fellowship provides financial support toward a master's degree at Harvard Kennedy School, a comprehensive co-curricular program to augment leadership development, and a network of exceptional peers and mentors. Students receive a full tuition scholarship, health insurance, and living stipend for the academic year.

The Fellowship Experience

Fellows participate in a yearlong co-curricular program designed by the Center for Public Leadership. This not-for-credit program is intended to inspire, provide concrete opportunities for leadership skill building, and connect fellows with an interdisciplinary network of like-minded peers and mentors. The fellowship co-curricular program includes seminars, an annual retreat, and experiential learning grounded in discussions with visionary leaders. The program focuses on strengthening the capacity for public leadership through reflection, mentorship, and skill building.

The ELI fellowship creates a vibrant network of students and alumni committed to advancing knowledge, collaborating on solutions to pressing public policy problems, and building leadership capacity in their communities, the Arab world, and globally.