



CPL Gleitsman Leadership Fellowship

The Gleitsman Leadership Fellowship, part of the Center for Public Leadership's Gleitsman Program for Leadership in Social Change, is awarded to selected students with a strong background in—or strong potential for—leadership in social activism. Gleitsman Fellows are committed to tackling complex social problems by enabling, empowering, and inspiring collective social action.

Eligibility

Successful Gleitsman Fellowship applicants demonstrate their potential as emerging social activists and innovators and express strong interest in pursuing a career with transformative impact on society. The Gleitsman Fellowship emphasizes strong character and excellent academic credentials.

"The Center for Public Leadership and my Gleitsman cohort have deeply enriched my experience at HKS. The passion, cross-disciplinary expertise, and strong vision for a better future that this group holds have taught me essential lessons for my future career in clinical medicine and housing justice advocacy work."

Emma Hartswick, MD/MPP 2023

What We Offer

The Gleitsman Leadership Fellowship provides financial support toward a master's degree at Harvard Kennedy School. Recipients of the Gleitsman Fellowship will receive a scholarship for full tuition, fees, and health insurance for the course of their study. Students in joint or concurrent degree programs are eligible for a different financial aid package depending on their school of residence.

The Fellowship Experience

The Gleitsman Fellowship offers a comprehensive co-curricular program to augment leadership development and a network of exceptional peers and mentors. 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 like-minded 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 fellowship focuses on strengthening the capacity for public leadership through reflection, mentorship, and skill building. Fellows create a vibrant network of students and alumni committed to advancing knowledge, collaborating on solutions to pressing problems, and building leadership capacity in their communities, their nations, and the world.

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