CPL David M. Rubenstein Fellowship

Established in 2008, the David M. Rubenstein Fellowship at the Center for Public Leadership supports first-year joint degree students at Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) and Harvard Business School (HBS). The HKS/HBS joint degree program in business and government represents an innovative approach to preparing leaders of critical importance to global society.

Eligibility
Students admitted to the HKS/HBS joint degree program are eligible to apply for the Rubenstein Fellowship for their first year at Harvard Kennedy School. Applicants are considered based on demonstrated commitment to public service and leadership potential across sectors. Successful candidates also demonstrate excellent academic credentials.

What We Offer
The Rubenstein Fellowship provides financial support for the first year of a joint master’s degree program at Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business 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 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.

CPL acknowledges the generosity of David M. Rubenstein for his support of the Rubenstein Fellowship.

“Being a Rubenstein Fellow has been such a privilege. This program brought together a unique group of individuals who share a passion for making a positive impact in the world.”

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