



# the CORO FELLOWS PROGRAM in Public Affairs



For over 60 years, Coro Southern California has equipped those leading our region with the resources they need to understand how decisions are made, how complex policies are shaped and how to influence meaningful change.

## WHAT IS THE CORO FELLOWS PROGRAM?

The Fellows Program in Public Affairs (FPPA) trains exceptionally talented early career professionals to build their leadership skills through meeting and working alongside Southern California’s most influential community members.

Coro Southern California selects twelve Fellows annually from a highly competitive applicant pool for the nine-month, full-time, graduate-level leadership program. Using the city as a classroom, Fellows learn through experience with private, public, and nonprofit decision-makers and work as a group to develop critical thinking, analytical, governance and leadership skills.

*“Every group has its ultimate challenge, an experience that defines those who participate as among the most talented in their fields. Track and field enthusiasts have the decathlon. Fitness freaks have the Iron Man Triathlon. And aspiring public servants have the Coro Fellows Program.”*  
- The Princeton Review

## FELLOWS GAIN

### THE NETWORK

Participants are connected to city leaders from all industries and to over 10,000 Coro Alumni across the country

### THE KNOWLEDGE

Fellows learn how the city works directly from the institutions and individuals shaping the future of Los Angeles

### THE SKILLS

Coro’s leadership training offers Fellows the tools and frameworks to effectuate positive change



## KEY PROGRAM FEATURES

The Fellows Program offers something you can't find anywhere else. Fellows' training reflects Coro's unique, civic style of leadership - one that is built on understanding complexity, listening to multiple perspectives and implementing change. Fellows explore the public affairs arena by examining the complicated interplay between individuals, groups, and institutions.

### 1. FIELD PLACEMENTS

allow Fellows to gain direct exposure to varied sectors and institutions in Los Angeles and offer participants the opportunity to build robust professional networks. Each Fellow completes a government, electoral politics, labor, business, public communication, and nonprofit placement and is responsible for delivering a high quality project to each organization at which he/she works.

### 2. SEMINARS

build self-awareness, inquiry and critical thinking skills and introduce Fellows to tools and frameworks that increase their ability to successfully contribute to or create an effective and collaborative group. Fellows are equipped to build consensus and solve problems across traditionally perceived boundaries using Coro's methods of systems analysis, fact-finding, project management, communication, and teamwork skills.

### 3. FOCUS WEEKS

Immerse Fellows in the exploration of a single topic for a full week. Topics vary by year and have included California State Government, Technology and Innovation Economy, Public Finance, Healthcare and more.

## APPLICATION AND TUITION

**Applications are due on January 17, 2018** and require applicants to submit their resume and transcript, complete three essays, and provide two letters of recommendation.

Tuition for the Fellows Program, which runs from September to May, is \$5,000. Coro Southern California provides qualifying Fellows who request financial support with a monthly stipend to defray living expenses during their nine months in the program.

Please visit [www.corola.org/fellowship](http://www.corola.org/fellowship) for more information or to view the application.

## NOTABLE ALUMNI

### Phil Angelides

Former California State Treasurer and Former Chair, Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission

### Marvin Baxter

Former California Supreme Court Associate Justice (Dec.)

### Debra Bowen

Former California Secretary of State

### Ian Campbell

Vice Chairman, Abernathy MacGregor

### Iris Chen

Executive Director, Teach for America New York

### Anna Eshoo

Member, U.S. House of Representatives

### Kevin Faulconer

Mayor, City of San Diego, CA

### Dianne Feinstein

Member of the U.S. Senate and Former Mayor of San Francisco, CA

### James Gilson

Vice President and General Counsel, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

### Don Gips

Principal, Albright Stonebridge Group and Former U.S. Ambassador to South Africa

### Rusty Hicks

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

### Tim Kaine

U.S. Vice Presidential Candidate, Member U.S. Senate, and Former Governor, Virginia

### John Kobara

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, California Community Foundation

### Carol Liu

Former California State Senator

### Alex Padilla

California Secretary of State

### Peter Taylor

President, Zenith Education Group and ECMC Foundation

### Libby Schaaf

Mayor, City of Oakland, CA

### Gene Siskel

Former Film Critic and Journalist for the Chicago Tribune (Dec.)