

# Board Fellowship Program

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Information for  
Partner Organizations

# About the Program

The Board Fellowship Program is an initiative of the Women in Leadership club at the UC Davis Graduate School of Management. The program places MBA students (Fellows) on the boards of directors of partner organizations as non-voting, or adjunct, members. The program expands the pipeline of qualified and experienced young women and men for future roles in business leadership. It also allows students to contribute their skills and time to help solve business challenges faced by partner organizations.

The program launched in 2015, with nineteen students participating in board training and four students successfully placed on the boards of partner organizations. The program nearly doubled in its second year, with forty-five students

participating in board training and eight students successfully placed in 2016.

Students must attend a full-day board training workshop in order to participate in the Board Fellowship Program. Following this training, students submit applications to participating partner organizations for review. Organizations then conduct interviews with chosen applicants and select a Board Fellow. A Board Fellow's term lasts for twelve months and corresponds to the calendar year. Participation in the board training workshop and Board Fellowship Program is open to all full-time and part-time MBA students at the Graduate School of Management's campuses in Davis, Sacramento, and San Ramon.





# Partner Advantages

- Fellows bring a broad management skill set that includes finance, marketing, operations, strategy, and more.
- Candidates represent diverse business perspectives and have a range of professional experience.
- The partner organization gains access to UC Davis GSM's alumni and professional network through the Board Fellow.
- Board Fellows commit ten hours a month to work on a project or business issue faced by the partner organization.
- In addition to board training, the UC Davis GSM provides resources and assistance to Fellows during their board term.
- Partner organizations participate in the development of future business leaders.

# Partner Commitment

- The partner organization will commit a rotational, non-voting seat on its board.
- The partner organization will commit to a kick-off meeting with the selected fellow.
- The partner organization will ensure Board Fellow's time commitment does not exceed ten hours per month, including attendance at board meetings.
- The partner organization will appoint a peer mentor to work with the Fellow.
- The partner will provide annual feedback on the program and the Fellow.
- The partner organization will identify its preferred candidates from the pool of applicants provided by the UC Davis GSM.

# Past & Present Partners



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