

Mission

Where Questions Lead

Are you ready to take your leadership to the next level? The Fellowship in Leadership offers a transformative experience for Ph.D. candidates who want to grow as leaders, practitioners, and researchers—while building a supportive interdisciplinary network across Northwestern.

Components

General Sessions [3 hours]

- Includes the entire 2026 Fellowship cohort.
- Location will be held on the Evanston campus
- Session will include 90 minutes of instructional time followed by 90 minutes of small group time; small groups are led by Fellowship Ambassadors who are alumni of the 2025 Fellowship.

Time Commitment: ~5 hours per month during the 20-week session (Based on General Session meetings and outside work)

Why Apply?

- Develop Your Leadership Identity
 - Learn contemporary leadership theories and frameworks, and who you are when leading at your best.
- Join a Collaborative Community
 - Work with graduate students and postdocs from diverse disciplines. Share ideas, tackle real-world challenges, and grow together.
- Make an Impact
 - Understand how to effectively lead and work with others, and what works best for you. Challenge and support the curiosity and success of your peers.
- Earn Recognition and Support
 - Gain access to graduate-level workshops, seminars, and development opportunities. On successful completion *Fellows receive a \$1,000 stipend, are designated as Leadership Fellows and receive course credit on their transcript.*

Application Details

- Applicants can be full-time TGS students not beyond their 5th year and postdocs.
- The deadline to apply is **Friday, November 6th, 2025**. The application asks basic questions about your profile and several short answer questions and requests a resume or CV. Apply at QR code on last page.
- Applicants that make it to the final round of the process will be asked to participate in an interview. Interviews will either be held virtually or in-person (TBD), and all interviews will take place November 11-24, and early in the week of December 1st (if needed)
- Applicants will be notified of our decisions by **Friday, December 4th**.
- Contact Hope at hopebrannon@northwestern.edu or lead@northwestern.edu with any specific questions.

Program Dates

Upon acceptance into the program, Fellows will be expected to commit to the dates outlined below. Fellowship meetings will take place on Friday mornings from 9-12pm. Attendance is mandatory for all meetings, including the Art Institute all-day exercise.

Fellowship Schedule 2027

Each Session will last approximately 3 hours: 90 minutes of instructional, and 90 minutes of small group work.
Sessions are Fridays from 9-12pm

Jan 8 Fellowship Meeting 1

Jan 22 Fellowship Meeting 2

Feb 5 Meeting 3: Art Institute exercise (9-3pm)

Mar 5 Fellowship Meeting 4

Apr 2 Fellowship Meeting 5

Apr 16 Fellowship Meeting 6

Apr 30 Fellowship Meeting 7

May 14 Fellowship Meeting 8

May 28 Fellowship Meeting 9

June 4 Fellowship Meeting 10

Apply Here

Application Opens October 1, 2025

Application Closes November 6, 2025

