



**CORO
YOUTH
FELLOWS**



For over 60 years, Coro Southern California has equipped leaders with a deeper understanding of how the world works, the leadership skills to make it better, and a network of engaged and influential alumni to help them reach their goals.

WHAT IS THE YOUTH FELLOWS PROGRAM?

Coro's Youth Fellows Program (YFP) is a 6-week immersive, full-time, cohort-based summer program for 15 rising high school juniors and seniors, cultivating LA County students to become active citizens who step into leadership roles in their schools and communities. This program is designed to foster the next generation of civic leaders, educating them, through experiential learning, about public life and institutions, and the cross-sectoral fabric that makes up our public affairs landscape.



Leadership skills through actually leading, as opposed to listening to someone tell us how to lead."

**- Quyen Ballagh,
2019 Coro Youth Fellow**

Through internship placements, Coro's leadership toolbox, and field-based learning, Youth Fellows develop an understanding of how the region works, the confidence and skills to effectuate meaningful impact, and a network of Coro alumni eager to support their educational and career goals.

YOUTH FELLOWS GAIN

THE NETWORK

YFP graduates join a network of over 10,000 Coro alumni across the country, who are eager to support with their academic and career development.

THE KNOWLEDGE

Youth Fellows conduct interviews with community leaders, organize group projects, attend workshops, and experience site visits to better understand LA County's cross-sectoral functions.

THE SKILLS

Coro training equips Youth Fellows with the tools and frameworks for enhanced leadership skills and increased confidence to effectively problem-solve, effectuate positive change, and to strengthen youth participation in civic decision-making.



KEY PROGRAM FEATURES

The Youth Fellows Program gives high school students a unique experience that accelerates their leadership growth. Graduates leave the program with enhanced leadership skills, increased confidence as well as improved goal setting, project management, problem solving and effective communication skills.

1. INTERNSHIPS

give Youth Fellows real world experience and exposure to organizations and leaders throughout Southern California.

2. SEMINARS

develop self-awareness, inquiry and critical thinking skills through Coro's leadership development tools and frameworks.

3. POST-PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

ensures Youth Fellows expand their leadership experience after graduation. Through community change projects, formal mentorship programs, and invitations to Coro alumni events, Youth Fellows continue to refine and develop their leadership skills.

APPLICATION AND TUITION

Applications are due April 21, 2020 and require applicants to answer three essay questions and provide a recommendation letter.

Tuition for the program is \$5,000. Need-based scholarships are available. See the application for more information on financial aid.

Please visit www.corola.org/youth for more information and to view the application.

“As their mentor, I could see the growth in each of my students who participated in the Youth Fellows Program. They blossomed intellectually and gained confidence. Both students applied early to colleges and both were accepted...They both wrote about their experiences in the Youth Fellows Program in their college essays. I believe that the trajectory of their lives will forever be transformed as a result of their experiences in the program.”

- Robin Kurtzman, College Access Mentor

NOTABLE ALUMNI

Phil Angelides

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

Marvin Baxter

Former Associate Justice, California Supreme Court

Debra Bowen

Former California Secretary of State

Ian Campbell

Vice Chairman, Abernathy MacGregor

Anna Eshoo

Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Kevin Faulconer

Mayor, City of San Diego, CA

Dianne Feinstein

Member of the US Senate

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

Chair of the California Democratic Party

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

Holly J. Mitchell

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.)