

Coro Southern California





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- Founded in the 1940s
- Five Coro centers: Los Angeles, New York, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, & San Francisco
- Trains individuals for effective and ethical leadership across all sectors



Coro Training

- **Experiential & Immersive:**
Learn by doing
- **Cohort-Based:** Engage with multi-perspectives & diverse experiences
- **Intentional Ambiguity:**
Learn to confidently navigate uncertainty and change

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely Los Angeles, featuring prominent skyscrapers like the US Bank Tower. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text 'Coro's Core Training Areas' is written in large, white, sans-serif font across the center-left of the image.

Coro's Core Training Areas



- **Empowered Professionalism:** Navigating Ambiguity
- **Collaboration:** Working Across Diverse Perspectives
- **Communication:** Purposeful Storytelling
- **Critical Thinking:** Inquiry & Systems Thinking
- **Self-Awareness:** Understanding One's Own Defaults



The Network

- Approximately 15,000 total Coro alumni across the country, including 120 Youth Fellows alumni
- Notable Coro alumni include top leaders in elected office, government, business, labor, & nonprofit organizations. YFP alumni have attended a wide range of independent, public, & charter high schools in LA County & gone on to attending top private & public universities across the country.



Youth Fellows Program (YFP)

- Full-time summer learning intensive for rising high school juniors and seniors
- 6-week Program (late-June to late-July/early-August)
- Cohorts of 12-18 Fellows
- Fellows grow their leadership skills while immersing themselves in Los Angeles' civic landscape

In Their Own Words

“Being a part of the 2023 Coro Youth Fellows Program has prepared me for almost any possible problem in life. This program placed me in the same room as some of the most creative, intelligent, and passionate people I have ever met! I look forward to implementing these newly discovered concepts and skills as I proceed throughout life!”



Elisha Gutierrez
Vistamar School
Coro Youth Fellow '23



Program Components



Leadership Training

- Skills-building sessions with the entire cohort
- Fellows gain key leadership tools and framework, practicing in real-time as a cohort
- Leadership interviews with key SoCal figures such as Amy Turk, CEO of Downtown Women's Center, Supervisor Holly Mitchell, LAUSD Board Member Nick Melvoin, and many others



Program Components



Placements

- In small groups, Fellows intern with local organizations for 2 weeks gaining tangible, real-world professional experience
- Fellows are responsible for contributing to the organization's overall goal
- Examples of past placements: City of Los Angeles Youth Development Department, La Plaza de Cultural y Artes, LA/OC Building & Construction Trades Council

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Focus Days

- Fellows-led explorations of important regional issues through first-hand experience and information collection
- Fellows learn value of dynamic, vigilant communication & the importance of strategic thinking, planning, scheduling, & accountability
- Past topics include Education Inequality, Traffic and Air Pollution, and Period Poverty

Program Components





Community Impact Projects

- Fellows draft a community impact project with the feedback of the cohort
- Fellows identify their Personal Leadership Philosophy as informed by their unique leadership styles, identities, and experiences
- Fellows create a 5-year plan to achieve their long-term goals

Program Components



Long-Term Benefits: Higher Education

- Fellows leave with the confidence and self-awareness to navigate the college acceptance process
- Graduates build relationships with mentors, who can provide letters of recommendation
- Fellows can share new experiences and self-awareness in their college application essays
- Fellows report being well-prepared for their freshman year of college



Who Should Apply?

An ideal YFP candidate:

- Lives or goes to school in Los Angeles County;
- Is a rising junior or senior in high school;
- Is a self-starter and excited to engage in a group-learning environment; and
- Wants to make a difference in their schools and communities.



Application Process



- Application requirements: 2 short essays, a video testimonial, basic demographic information & a recommendation from a teacher, coach, supervisor, or mentor.
- Coro offers **full and partial scholarships** based on financial need. Applicants can apply for financial aid in the application.
- Visit **corola.org/yfp** for current program fee, specific application information & program cycle details.

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*The 100% of Youth Fellows agreed or strongly agreed that participation in the program increased their **leadership skills**, increased their **ability to make a difference** in their communities, helped them gain an **increased understanding of others' perspectives**, and enhanced their ability to **make informed decisions**.*

*100% of Youth Fellows reported an increase in their ability to **forge and maintain professional relationships**.*

Colleges & Universities Where Past Youth Fellows Have Received Admission



- American University
- Amherst College
- Barnard College
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Brown University
- Carleton College
- CalPoly San Louis Obispo
- CSU Fullerton
- CSU Long Beach
- CSU Los Angeles
- CSU Pomona
- Columbia University
- Dartmouth College
- Dickinson College
- DePaul University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- George Washington University
- Goucher College
- Haverford College
- Harvard University
- Hobart William Smith
- Kenyon College
- Lafayette College
- Loyola Marymount
- Middlebury College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Pepperdine University
- Stanford University
- Tulane University
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Riverside
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC San Diego
- UC Los Angeles
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Chicago
- University of Southern California
- Wesleyan University

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“As students, we are often told what we need to do. Coro was one of the first times I've been asked what I should do. How should I collaborate with like-minded peers who may have different leadership styles? How should L.A. combat issues such as homelessness? From interviewing experts at non-profits and in local government, to strategizing how best to conduct an effective meeting, Coro offers you the opportunity to master skills rarely taught in any other classroom. For anyone interested in learning more about changemaking, Los Angeles, leadership and themselves, applying to Coro is a must.”



Nilufer Mistry-Sheasby
Harvard Westlake
Coro Youth Fellow '23



2023 Fellows with Leadership Journey Interview guest, Holly J. Mitchell (LA County Supervisor, District 2 and Coro Alumna)





Thank you!

*Questions? Please email Callie Spaide, Senior Manager of
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