

FOCUS Impact Fellows

A program of FOCUS St. Louis®

As FOCUS' most advanced program, Impact Fellows offers emerging and experienced leaders the opportunity to work together to address a specific issue in the St. Louis region.

About the FOCUS Impact Fellows Program

Each year, more than 350 individuals graduate from FOCUS' civic leadership training programs. The most common question upon completion is "What's next?" FOCUS Impact Fellows represents that next step, offering one more exciting way that graduates can put their leadership into action.

Launched in 2016, FOCUS Impact Fellows offers emerging and experienced leaders the opportunity to work together to address a specific issue in the St. Louis region.

In addition to producing a tangible outcome, project and/or solution, participants will gain considerable training and experience in change management, problem-solving, group dynamics, systems thinking and project management.

While the FOCUS Impact Fellows program is relatively new for the St. Louis region, similar programs in other cities have had significant success in facilitating positive and sustainable change on issues ranging from economic development to health to education.

This is a one-of-a-kind experience to work alongside your fellow leaders to produce real and meaningful change.

Who Should Apply

As Impact Fellows represents the most advanced FOCUS training program, previous leadership training and/or experience is required, and completion of a FOCUS leadership program is highly recommended.

As the goal of FOCUS Impact Fellows is to bring new faces, perspectives and skill sets to a community issue, previous experience or in-depth knowledge of the selected topic is not a requirement for application and/or participation. Candidates from all backgrounds, sectors and industries are encouraged to apply.

"Impact Fellows has broadened my knowledge about what it means to be an active leader in the community."

*- Leanne Chilton, BJC Healthcare,
2016 FOCUS Impact Fellow*



How to Apply

Applications for the FOCUS Impact Fellows program can be found online at www.focus-stl.org.

If you are new to FOCUS, two letters of recommendation will be required. (This requirement is waived for FOCUS program graduates.)

The application deadline for the 2018-19 class is Saturday, June 30, 2018.

Topic

The 2018-19 cohort of FOCUS Impact Fellows will be focused on the issue of health care, with the exact topic/project(s) to be determined by class participants. Fellows will work with the area's top experts and key players, gaining a deeper understanding of how the region's health care system is structured, funded, and implemented.

They will then be challenged to apply their own leadership competencies and innovative thinking to address systematic needs via a self-designed, impactful, and sustainable project.

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2018-19 Program Dates

Attendance at program days is mandatory and includes time for both training and skill development, as well as working time on the selected class project(s). Program days are held at the FOCUS St. Louis office downtown and at locations around the region, as dictated by the needs and focus of the selected project(s).

Additionally, please plan to spend time outside of the program days for individual and group work. The amount of time will vary depending on the project selected, but could include conference calls, small group meetings or research, as determined by the class.

Thursday, August 9, 2018 - Opening Reception

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Friday, August 24 - Saturday, August 25, 2018 - Retreat

Friday, September 14, 2018

Friday, October 5, 2018

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Friday, November 16, 2018

Friday, December 14, 2018

Friday, January 18, 2018

Friday, February 15, 2018

Saturday, March 9, 2018

Friday, April 5, 2018

Friday, May 10, 2018

Tuition

The tuition for the FOCUS Impact Fellows is \$3,500, which includes meals, parking, materials, training and a one-year FOCUS membership. Tuition may be paid by the individual participant, participant's employer, another organization or some combination thereof.

Partial scholarships are available for qualifying candidates after selection into the program.



For more information

Contact Dr. Wally Siewert, Director of FOCUS Impact Fellows, at 314-657-4026 or wallys@focus-stl.org.

About FOCUS St. Louis

FOCUS St. Louis is the region's premier leadership organization, preparing diverse leaders to work cooperatively for a thriving St. Louis region through experience-based leadership training, civic issue education and public engagement initiatives. As a neutral convener and facilitator, FOCUS engages citizens to deliberate on critical regional community issues in a trusted, nonpartisan space.

FOCUS offers a continuum of eight leadership programs to engage leaders from high school students to senior executives. Program alumni have been inspired to launch new nonprofit agencies, start businesses, and run for political offices. They serve on hundreds of boards and provide thousands of hours of volunteer work. FOCUS alumni and members are leaders who make a difference.

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