Segal Citizen Leadership Fellowship

About: The Eli J. & Phyllis N. Segal Citizen Leadership Program was established at Brandeis University in 2007 to honor and continue the work of Eli Segal, who is best known for his leadership developing AmeriCorps and Welfare-to-Work initiatives in the Clinton Administration and for his talent for inspiring and mentoring young people. The Program, housed at the Heller School’s Center for Youth and Communities, honors his legacy, the continued dedication of his wife, Phyllis, their partnership in getting things done, and a commitment to developing new generations of citizen leaders. As a part of this lifelong Fellowship, the Citizen Leader Summer Internship is designed to provide new Segal Fellows with an opportunity to develop their skills and competencies as citizen leaders, while working within an organization addressing complex social issues.

Segal Fellows: The Segal Citizen Leadership Network includes 106 Segal Fellows, ranging in age from 20-45 and living in 23 states and across 4 countries, who support each other in their efforts to advance social justice. New Segal Fellows join the Program each year through Brandeis, the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps Alums, City Year, or Service Year Alliance. Each Fall, Brandeis sophomores and juniors, as well as Heller MPP students, can apply to become a Fellow. Ideal candidates are thoughtful, action-driven citizen leaders who are passionate about turning ideas into action to fix the tears in our social fabric. Those selected into the program become lifelong Fellows.

Summer Internships: Brandeis Segal Fellows are selected through a highly competitive process. They begin their fellowships with a cohort-based spring citizen leadership curriculum and a summer 8+ week internship at a mission-driven public, nonprofit, or private organization. While we encourage students to begin searching on their own, we work together to finalize internship sites and utilize our vast Segal Network to assist selected Fellows with securing internships. Additionally, all new Segal Fellows will be paired with a dedicated Segal Fellow Buddy and, in their 2nd year, a Segal Program Network “Coach” as a mentor. Brandeis undergraduate students receive $4,500, and Heller’s MPP students receive $6,000 living stipends to offset costs during their summer internships. Pre-internship sessions throughout the spring semester and post-internship sessions throughout the fall semester are required, in addition to the summer internship and lifelong Segal Fellowship.

Past Internship Sites Include: EPI, National Council of La Raza, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Urban Institute, America’s Promise Alliance, Time Warner Inc., City Year, Demos, Gay-Straight Alliance, Health Care for All, Jobs for the Future, National Partnership for Women & Families, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, City of Boston, and other nationally recognized mission-driven organizations (see reverse).

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Email or Stop by the Office of the Segal Program Director:
• Susie Flug-Silva (flugsilva@brandeis), Heller-Brown 345

Speak to an on-campus Segal Fellow:
Heller Students
• Bria Price (MPP)
• Leila Quinn (MBA/MPP)
• Kayla Scire (MBA/MPP)
• Edith Suárez (MBA/MPP)
• John Valinch (MBA/MPP)

Undergraduates:
• Justus Davis (Sr.)
• Gabriel Fontes (Sr.)
• Madison Matthews (Sr.)
• Olivia Nichols (Jr.)

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Programming: We support the citizen leadership of our Fellows by hosting events and programming throughout the year. This includes a specialized curriculum on citizen leadership via required spring and fall semester cohort gatherings before and after the summer internship, as well as ongoing opportunities as a lifelong Segal Fellow. Examples include:

• Summer internship training, reflections, and debrief
• Bi-Annual Segal Fellows Retreat
• Meetings with the Segal Family & Segal Network
• New Segal Fellows Orientation
• Monthly Virtual Convenings & Networking Receptions
• Community Service Engagement
• On-campus Segal Fellows presentation post internship
• Leadership Development Opportunities

For any questions or to request an appointment, please contact Susie Flug-Silva, Director, via email at flugsilva@brandeis.edu or via phone at 781-736-3933. Additional information at http://segal.brandeis.edu/.

Segal Fellows & Founder Michael Camuñez

Segal Fellows on Campus- August 2017

2019 Segal Fellow Application Projected Timeline

Fall – Outreach events & Office hours
10/29/18– Application Packages due online
This usually includes:
✓ Online essays/submission of basic information
✓ Unofficial Transcript
✓ Resume
✓ Brandeis Letter of Recommendation (undergrads)
✓ Outside Letter of Recommendation (all)
✓ List of 3-4 Leadership References

Mid-Nov. – Notifications Sent to Final Round Candidates
11/30/18 – Interviews of Finalists (note new date)
By Mid-Dec. – New Segal Fellows Chosen

9/2018
Past Summer Internship Sites Include:

Arts
- Cambridge Community Arts Center (MA)
- Transformative Culture Project (Boston)

Business
- Albright Stonebridge Group (DC)
- NextStreet Financial (Boston)
- Northwind Strategies (Boston)
- Time Warner, Inc. (NY)

Democracy/Civics/National Service
- Center for Progressive Leadership (DC)
- Demos (DC)
- People for the American Way (DC)
- School for Unity & Liberation (CA)
- Voices for National Service (DC)

Disability Rights
- Special Olympics International (DC)

Environment/Sustainability
- House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming (DC)
- ThinkEco, Inc. (NY)

Government
- City of Boston
- International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce (DC)
- Office of Jeffrey Sanchez, MA Rep (Boston)
- Office of Kay Khan, MA Rep (Boston)
- Office of Mayor Menino (Boston)
- Senate Majority Health Policy Office, HELP Committee (Senator Kennedy’s Office) (DC)
- US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (DC)

Health Care & Criminal Justice
- Boston Public Health Commission (Boston)
- Center for Constitutional Rights (NY)
- Health Care for All (Boston)
- Health Resources in Action (Boston)
- Mass Health Policy Forum (Boston)
- The Urban Institute (DC)
- The Vera Institute: Common Justice (NY)

Higher Education
- Campus Compact (Boston, Various Regional Offices)
- College Summit (DC with Various Regional Offices)

Housing
- Cambridge Housing Authority (Boston)
- Housing Long Beach (CA)
- Local Initiatives Support Corp. (Boston)
- MA Department of Housing & Comm. Devel.

Immigration/Identity-Focused Organizing
- National Council of La Raza (DC)
- Asian American Resource Workshop (Boston)

Labor/Employment
- Economic Policy Institute (DC)
- Fight for 15/Poor People’s Campaign (Atlanta)
- Jobs for the Future (Boston)
- National Employment Law Project (NY, Various Regional Offices)

Legal
- Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society (Syracuse, NY)

LGBT
- Gay Straight Alliance Network (CA)
- Human Rights Campaign (DC)
- MA Commission on LGBT Youth (Boston)

Philanthropy/Social Entrepreneurism
- Annie E. Casey Foundation (MD)
- FarmAid (Boston)
- Greenlight Fund (Boston, Various Regional Offices)
- New Profit, Inc. (Boston)
- Root Cause (Boston)

Technology
- Roxbury Innovation Center (Boston)
- SAP (DC, Various Regional Offices)

Women’s Rights
- NARAL Pro-Choice MA (Boston)
- National Partnership for Women & Families (DC)
- National Women’s Law Center (DC)

Youth Development/Education
- America’s Promise Alliance (DC)
- City Year, Inc. (Boston, Various Regional Offices)
- CollegeBound: Dorchester (Boston)
- Facing History and Ourselves (Boston)
- Larkin Street Youth Services (San Francisco)
- Strategies for Children (Boston)
- Teach for America (NY, Various Regional Offices)

If you have areas of interest beyond what is listed above, we are happy to discuss your ideas. Our goal is to be inclusive of many fields in order to promote cross-sector and inter-disciplinary collaboration within the Segal Network and beyond.