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## Apply for 2019 Neighborhood Leadership Fellows cohort

*Advanced Leadership Training to Increase  
St. Louis Promise Zone Civic Engagement*



**St. Louis, MO:** Creating Whole Communities, in partnership with University of Missouri- St. Louis, University of Missouri Extension, and St. Louis Promise Zone- St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, will open applications on October 5, 2018 for the second annual advanced leadership training program, Neighborhood Leadership Fellows. The application deadline will be November 2, 2018.

The mission of Neighborhood Leadership Fellows is to increase the voices of North St. Louis City and North St. Louis County residents at the civic decision-making tables in order to produce more equitable regional policies for neighborhoods. The primary geographic focus for the program is the federally designated St. Louis Promise Zone.

Neighborhood Leadership Fellows is a nine-month leadership training for community leaders. The program, set to convene on January 11, will meet one weekend a month for nine months from January through September 2019. During the Friday afternoon and Saturday sessions, participants will engage in shared collaborative learning experiences through dialogue, and presentations among fellows and respective community and state leaders. Educational workshops will cover policies, new research, and innovations that promote equitable neighborhood development in areas of housing, education, economic development, public health and safety. Positional power trainings will give participants the foundational knowledge to run for boards, commissions, committees and elected office.

Neighborhood Leadership Fellows strongly encourages residents from the St. Louis Promise Zone to apply for the program. All participants who are accepted and complete the program will receive a monetary award and UMSL Chancellor's Certificate in Civic Leadership.

**To learn more about the program and apply, please visit [cwc.umsl.edu/nlf/](http://cwc.umsl.edu/nlf/)**

Neighborhood Leadership Fellows Program Partners:

- **Creating Whole Communities (CWC).** CWC, formed in 2014, brings together the University of Missouri– St. Louis (School of Social Work, Des Lee Collaborative Vision, and the Public Policy Research Center), University of Missouri Extension (MU Extension), and the St. Louis region's neighborhoods to focus on strengthening our communities. CWC looks to link the resources of the university's local efforts throughout the region to create whole communities.
- **St. Louis Promise Zone – St. Louis Economic Development Partnership.** The St. Louis Promise Zone program launched in 2013, designates high-poverty urban, rural and tribal communities as Promise Zones in order to increase economic activity, improve educational outcomes, reduce serious and violent crime, invest in transformative development and improve health and wellness.