

Board Fellows Program Overview

Net Impact is a community of more than 50,000 student and professional leaders creating positive social and environmental change in the workplace and the world.

The Board Fellows program places Net Impact Philadelphia members on local nonprofit boards for a one-year fellowship. Board Fellows become active participants on their nonprofit boards, attending board sessions and getting involved with committees and relevant projects under the mentorship of a current board member. In addition to regular board responsibilities, Board Fellows also work on a strategic project for the board and the nonprofit organization.

By becoming a Board Fellow, you gain:

- Exposure to nonprofit management—especially valuable to those who want to shift into the nonprofit sector at some point in their career
- An opportunity to build your network with other successful, mission-driven individuals
- Experience that will increase the likelihood of eventually serving on a corporate or nonprofit board
- An understanding of how nonprofits function
- Learning and development due to working with board members from a vast array of backgrounds and perspectives
- Access to experienced mentors
- The satisfaction of meaningful volunteer service within your community

What responsibilities do Board Fellows have?

- Commit 5-10 hours per month for the duration of the fellowship
- Attend all board meetings (unless a valid reason is presented well in advance)
- Work with the Executive Director and Board Liaison to identify an appropriate project
- Complete the project within three to nine months
- Present project and relevant research/analysis to Board of Directors
- Be proactive in ensuring a positive experience with the organization
- Sincere interest in the mission of the organization
- Maintain an open dialogue with Board Fellows leaders to ensure that the project progresses as planned and obstacles/challenges are addressed promptly
- Establish regular communication with the nonprofit and Board Fellows leaders regarding changes to your schedule that might affect your program obligations

Sample projects Fellows take on include:

- Analyzing fundraising efforts and donor sources
- Marketing and communications benchmarking
- Board evaluation and recruitment strategy

After submitting an application, we will match you as best as we can to a nonprofit. You will have the opportunity to review your suggested placement before making your final commit to the organization.

If you are interested in applying to be a Fellow, please fill out the Board Fellows application and send it to phillyboardfellows@gmail.com.