

IGNITE

A Nonprofit Leadership Program for High Impact
Nonprofit Organizations Serving Chicago's
Black Community Sponsored by Golub Capital



Nonprofit organizations are addressing some of the most critical social and economic issues of our times, many of which are deeply rooted in systemic challenges and inequities.

To amplify the impact of these organizations, the Golub Capital Social Impact Lab is partnering with the Chicago Urban League on IGNITE – a unique nine month leadership program for the executive leadership teams of organizations serving the Black community in Chicago.

"IGNITE provided that space to zoom out and make sure we were thinking about the big picture, the strategic overview and how everything fits together."

Aisha Edwards, Executive Director, Cabrini Green Legal Aid;
participant in the IGNITE inaugural cohort



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PROGRAM TIMELINE

Program Kick Off: A Friday and half-day Saturday commitment in mid-January

Monthly Sessions: Once-a-month full-day sessions from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT on Fridays from February through June

Closing Retreat: One weekend in late September in New York City

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Nonprofit organizations that meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- Annual Operating Budget of \$500K+
- Established leadership team
- Predominantly serve the Black community in Chicago

Applications open in mid-September and close in mid-October every year.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact us at
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For more information, please visit
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PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Classroom Sessions led by Chicago Booth faculty and nonprofit practitioners, including sessions on strategy, decision making, and securing and managing resources
- Networking with prominent philanthropists and Black leaders in Chicago
- Monthly Executive Coaching exclusively for Executive Directors
- Organizational Coaching
- Leadership Circles that bring together participants in facilitated discussion groups
- Closing Retreat in New York City
- Financial stipends of up to \$10K per organization to support capacity-building work
- \$13K Credit for Booth Executive Education programs taught by Booth Faculty

"There is no shortage of resourceful and capable leaders working to address critical needs in communities of color. IGNITE can be a game changer for these nonprofit leaders and the communities they serve in Chicago and across the nation."

Karen Freeman-Wilson, president and CEO
of the Chicago Urban League

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The Rustandy Center for Social Sector Innovation

The Rustandy Center for Social Sector Innovation is the destination at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business for people committed to helping solve complex social and environmental problems.

Golub Capital

Golub Capital is a market-leading, award-winning direct lender and experienced credit asset manager. They specialize in delivering reliable, creative, and compelling financing solutions to companies backed by private equity sponsors.

Chicago Urban League

The Chicago Urban League works to achieve equity for Black families and communities through social and economic empowerment and is an affiliate of the National Urban League.

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The Golub Capital Social Impact Lab

Through a significant five-year commitment from Golub Capital, the Golub Capital Social Impact Lab of Chicago Booth Rustandy Center provides training and professional development to amplify the impact of leaders of high potential nonprofits serving communities of color. The signature offering of the Golub Capital Lab is IGNITE.

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