Net Impact Board Fellows

Each year, the Board Fellows program pairs local nonprofits and Chicago Booth students, bringing valuable business skills to nonprofits while giving students hands-on experience with nonprofit management and governance. Board Fellows are matched in teams of two to three with partner organizations based on an issue area of interest and serve as non-voting board members and will have the potential to join specific board committees. Board Fellows are provided training and mentorship to complete a strategic consulting project during their term (e.g. operations, marketing, strategic planning).

Key Details

Program Timeline
Board Fellows each serve a 7-month term, from October 2021 through April 2022.

Eligibility
- Rising 2Y FT Students
- E/W Students who have completed at least eight courses and do not graduate before June 2022
- Rising 1Y FT Students are eligible, but priority will be given to rising 2Y and E/W students

Time Commitment
Board Fellows are expected to participate in all board meetings, attend program events, and submit assigned deliverables. Nonprofit boards typically meet quarterly. Consulting projects are scoped in early autumn, executed in winter and spring, and completed by end of April. Expect projects to take up five to ten hours per month.

Selection Process
The goal of the Board Fellows program is to prepare students for a potential lifetime of nonprofit involvement and board service. Therefore, applicants are primarily evaluated on their motivation, commitment, and potential for personal growth by participating in the program. Prior board service experience is not required, but those interested are encouraged to attend nonprofit-focused programming and workshops offered by the Rustandy Center and Net Impact. Priority will be given to applicants who have demonstrated interest and commitment to the social sector.

2021-22 Key Dates

Application Opens
September 6, 2021

Application Closes
October 4, 2021

Orientation
October 18, 2021*

Nonprofit Introductory Breakfast
October 20, 2021*

End Date
April 30, 2022

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Illustrative Past Partners

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