New Memphis Fellows

With over 500 graduates to date, the New Memphis Fellows program gives high-potential, emerging leaders the tools, experiences and connections needed to become change agents, inclusive leaders and qualified city ambassadors. During this 12-month engagement, Fellows participate in an in-depth community leadership curriculum and work to actively address challenging civic issues and improve the quality of life in Memphis.

Community Action Projects

The Fellows program moves beyond simply exposing participants to community challenges. The curriculum empowers Fellows to take action, driving progress around our city’s most pressing needs.

The Fellows work in teams to create and implement CAPs, meeting needs within the community. These projects leverage the strengths of existing non-profit organizations and create a lasting effect on Memphis.

“To date more than 100 CAPs have built the capacity of some of Memphis’ most vital non-profit organizations!”

- Kerr Tigrett,
  President, IronHorse

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We are forging a prosperous and vital New Memphis by attracting, developing, activating and retaining talent.
Fellows Curriculum

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Profile of a Fellow

- Represent 205 organizations across all sectors: corporate, entrepreneurs, non-profits, government, and faith
- 51% minority including African-Americans, Asians and Latinos
- 50% native Memphians; the other half hails from around the world
- Average age is 34

After Graduation...

- 52% have been promoted or advanced professionally within one year of completing the Fellows program
- More than 160 Fellows alumni have been placed on various community non-profit boards and governmental committees.
- 100% say they are extremely likely to speak out about our city’s strengths
- Though only 50% of Fellows are native Memphians, 97% report being more likely to remain in the community as a result of their experience
- 99% report they are more likely to give to other local charitable organizations
- 100% say they have a personal responsibility to improve Memphis

“Getting involved with [the New Memphis Institute] is the most important decision I’ve made since moving to the U.S. I became aware that, in Memphis, I can do anything that I set out to do. I can be on the cusp of something big; I can make a tangible impact on this city and future.”

-Carmen Sandoval Brigulio
International Business Manager