

Coro™ Women In Leadership - STEM

A program of FOCUS St. Louis®

Coro™ Women In Leadership prepares women to be engaged, responsible citizens and effective civic leaders by providing rigorous hands-on leadership training over a three-month period.

About the Coro™ Women In Leadership Program

Coro™ Women In Leadership (WIL) is a three-month, part-time training program that provides women the opportunity to refine their personal and professional leadership competencies, learn about the St. Louis community, and connect with other women from diverse backgrounds.

Offered twice a year, our spring cohort is designated for women in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, giving participants the the unique opportunity to connect with peers and leaders in these fields while strengthening their leadership skills. (Our fall cohort is open to women from all industries.)

Graduates leave the program with a deeper understanding of themselves and their goals, along with the knowledge, skills, resources and network to bring those goals to life. Upon graduation, they also become part of the network of more than 8,500 FOCUS program alumni.



Training

This time-tested curriculum is based on the following principles:

- Emphasis on inquiry and experiential learning
- Using the community as a classroom
- Providing opportunities for participants to assess leadership competencies and develop strategies for improvement
- Valuing the critical role of diversity and inclusion in leadership training

Training is delivered by our experienced FOCUS facilitators and leaders in the community.

The program consists of four seminars, held on Saturdays, and three field days held on Thursdays. Attendance is required at all sessions.

Seminars and field days are held throughout the St. Louis region, giving participants the opportunity to immerse themselves in the region, observe different styles of leadership and talk with business, community and civic leaders.

How to Apply

Applications for the Coro Women In Leadership program can be found online at www.focus-stl.org. Two recommendations are also required.

Applicants will participate in a Saturday half-day interview and selection process. Candidates will be notified regarding selection within a week of that date.

The application deadline for our Spring 2019 class is Friday, January 4, 2019.

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Spring 2019 Program Dates

Friday, January 4, 2019	Application Deadline
Saturday, January 19, 2019	Selection Day
Saturday, February 9, 2019	Seminar 1
Thursday, February 21, 2019	Field Day 1
Saturday, March 9, 2019	Seminar 2
Thursday, March 21, 2019	Field Day 2
Saturday, April 6, 2019	Seminar 3
Thursday, April 18, 2019	Field Day 3
Saturday, April 27, 2019	Seminar 4
Thursday, May 23, 2019	Graduation

Tuition

The tuition for the FOCUS Coro Women In Leadership - STEM program is \$2,000 and includes lunch and parking for seminar days, as well as a complimentary FOCUS St. Louis membership during your time in the program.

Tuition is often covered in part or full by participants' employers. Partial scholarship assistance is available to those with demonstrate financial need.

For spring 2019, we are pleased to offer eight full-tuition scholarships, made possible through generous donations from Emerson and Epsilon. Four are open to all applicants, and four are designed for participants who reside in North St. Louis County. Scholarships are dependent on acceptance into the program.

"For me, the strong network of Coro WIL women I've met and continue to meet has been a great experience. Coro WIL connects you to the community, helps you plug in with other change agents, and you walk away with a better understanding of the role you can play in affecting change."

Shuntae Shields Ryan, Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis, Coro WIL Class 62

Upon Program Completion

Graduates gain...

- Improved leadership effectiveness, including stronger facilitation, negotiation and communication skills, to apply to their personal and professional life
- A deeper understanding of community issues and how to get involved
- Enhanced ability to network within the community and access to resources to produce results
- A strong network of FOCUS program graduates and members from throughout the region

For more information

Contact Stefania Hoffman, Recruiting Manager at (314) 657-4024 or stefaniah@focus-stl.org.

About FOCUS St. Louis

FOCUS St. Louis is the region's premier leadership organization, preparing diverse leaders to work cooperatively for a thriving St. Louis region through experience-based leadership training, civic issue education and public engagement initiatives. As a neutral convener and facilitator, FOCUS engages citizens to deliberate on critical regional community issues in a trusted, nonpartisan space.

FOCUS offers a continuum of leadership programs to engage leaders from high school students to senior executives. Program alumni have been inspired to launch new nonprofit agencies, start businesses, and run for political offices. They serve on hundreds of boards and provide thousands of hours of volunteer work. FOCUS alumni and members are leaders who make a difference.

We **educate** leaders. We **connect** leaders. We **facilitate** important conversations.