NEW Leadership™ New York Summer Institute

The NEW Leadership™ New York (NLNY)
The Women’s Leadership Academy

The Center for Women in Government & Civil Society

If you are an undergraduate student, or a recent graduate, interested in public service leadership, policymaking, community organizing, coalition building, and advocacy for positive social change, this program is for you!

This intensive week-long residential Summer Institute encourages leadership through action, and urges participants upon graduation from the program to develop and lead a campus/community project by offering competitive mini grant awards.

The NLNY Summer Institute week starts on Tuesday following the Memorial Day of each year and ends on the following Monday. The programming takes place at the University at Albany campus, Albany, New York.

NLNY is open to undergraduate women (or recent graduates), enrolled colleges and universities located in New York State, and to New York State residents enrolled in colleges and universities outside of New York. The Institute is free of charge to all participants. Accommodations and meals are provided at no charge to all selected participants.

More information about the program can be found at NLNY website.

Applications open in November, and the deadline is March 1st. Please pass this information along to an aspiring leaders. Should you have any questions and/or would like to be added to our recruitment list, please contact Bilge Avci at 518.591.8762 or email.
“The inspiration and drive I gained from participating in NLNY left a lasting impact on me and influenced my career path to be one of public service, beginning with an internship in the office of US Congressman Paul Tonko as a constituent liaison. In this position, I learned firsthand the direct impact that government has on the community. I’ve since held positions in the legislative, executive, and agency levels of NYS Government and with the executive branch of the City of Albany.

Working directly for two Senators, alongside high-ranking members of the Governor’s staff, and with policy-makers at the Department of Health has given me a keen understanding of the State legislative process and of the key players and components involved in policy advancement.

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I currently have the pleasure of serving as the executive scheduler for Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, the city’s first female Mayor. In this role, I closely manage the Mayor’s calendar, ensure the efficient execution of requests, and act as the gatekeeper in a fast-paced executive office. The impact of participating in NLNY has stayed with me throughout my career trajectory, and I’m confident that it will continue to inspire me as I continue in the field of public service. I’m incredibly grateful to Dina, Bilge, Sue, and the entire Center for Women in Government & Civil Society team for their support and encouragement and for providing invaluable professional development programs.”