Student Board Fellows Program
College of Business & Economics, Boise State University

The Student Board Fellows Program offers exceptional graduate and undergraduate students an opportunity to develop leadership skills and serve the community by sitting on a board of directors for a local nonprofit organization. The College of Business and Economics (COBE) founded this program on the principles that investment in and service to the community are key business responsibilities and that direct experience is the best way for students to learn important leadership skills. The Students Board Fellows Program promotes diversity in board service, helps local nonprofits build capacity to serve Millennials, and provides non-profit boards key business expertise, while giving students excellent hands-on learning experience.

SELECTING APPLICANTS: COBE students who are in good academic standing and can commit to serving on a nonprofit board in Boise between June 2016-May 2017 are welcome to apply for the Student Board Fellows Program. The application cycle occurs each March/April, to begin board service in June or shortly thereafter. Students submit a program application, and top candidates are then interviewed by a cross-disciplinary group of College leaders for final selection. In the spring of 2016, 8 Student Board Fellows were selected. Students are expected to service a minimum of 1 year and ideally they stay for the full nonprofit board cycle.

TRAINING FELLOWS: Student Board Fellows and Interns receive training on board service before being matched with a nonprofit. In the spring of 2017, Student Board Fellows will attend the Boise Young Professionals (BYP)/Chamber of Commerce B on Board Training.

MATCHING STUDENTS WITH NON PROFIT BOARDS: Through BYP networking and COBE networking, Student Board Fellows are connected with nonprofits looking for board members (voting) and fellows (non-voting) to support their board work. Students may submit their name for any board opportunities that arise. Nonprofits may volunteer to select a student for board membership or as a board fellow. Members of the Board Fellows Working Group will seek to identify board openings that align with student interests.

ONGOING STUDENT BOARD FELLOW MENTORING: Student fellows will receive ongoing group mentoring on board service during their board tenure through meetings with other student Fellows and COBE advisors.

For more information, please visit https://cobe.boisestate.edu/rbi/student-board-fellows/