As a Shear Fellow, you will:

Learn how to influence and shape public policy

Practice leadership skills such as public speaking and networking

Build self-confidence by meeting with inspirational women leaders

The Leadership Academy’s unique curriculum includes a day trip to Jefferson City to meet with women elected officials and government leaders. Shear Fellows will also practice their networking skills at an evening event keynoted by a prominent woman in public life, and enjoy many opportunities to get to know a diverse group of exceptional student leaders with wide-ranging interests.

Past Shear Fellows Have…

■ Held mock debates on the floor of the Missouri House of Representatives
■ Had lunch at the Governor’s Mansion and Supreme Court with women elected officials, judges and other policy leaders
■ Participated in skill-building workshops, small group sessions, and panel discussions
■ Visited government agencies and private sector organizations that help shape public policy

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Spend the week with women leaders, improve your leadership skills and make a difference in your career, your university, your community, and your life!

All majors are encouraged to apply!
Past participants have included medical students, pre-law students, business, social work, education, engineering, and various liberal arts majors. There is no specific academic profile for the successful leadership participant.

When is it?
The 6-day residential program is held on the campus of the University of Missouri--St. Louis, typically during the last full week in May, concluding on the Friday before Memorial Day weekend.

What does it cost?
Participating campuses express their commitment to this program by partially underwriting the program costs, including housing and most meals. There will be no costs to Fellows other than incidental expenses incurred during their stay at the University of Missouri St. Louis.

Past Shear Fellows have gone on to:
- Work in the White House, at the United Nations, on Capitol Hill and in the Missouri Governor’s office
- Earn Fulbright and Truman Fellowships
- Excel in graduate and law school
- Make a difference in their communities
- Clerk for federal appellate and Supreme Court Justices

“IT HAS SHOWN ME THAT YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE ‘POLITICAL’ TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICY ... I CAN MAKE CHANGES!”
- Monique Maxey
Southeast Missouri State University

About the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life
The Institute for Women in Public Life was founded in 1996 with the goal of encouraging women to take an active role in the development of public policy. Based at the University of Missouri--St. Louis, the Institute shares the university’s mission to enhance and improve the community it serves.

Learn more at our website: umsl.edu/sueshear

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