



Become a Polaris Leadership Fellow



What's Involved



Connections

Connections with other young adults who are leading in their own neighborhoods and congregations



Coaching or Spiritual Direction

Sessions tailored to my individual leadership needs and project goals



Leadership

Leadership development to benefit myself and those I'm called to serve



Networking

Network support and encouragement from other young adult Christian leaders across the country



Opportunities

Opportunity to visit a leader or organization that inspires my work



Funding

Funding that connects me with inspiring leaders and organizations



Travel

Lodging and travel expenses covered for opening retreat and closing celebration on campus in Princeton



Stipend

A participation stipend of \$2,000

What do I commit to when I become a fellow?

- Participate fully in the 12-month program
- Engage in three sessions of coaching or spiritual direction
- Gather in person at Princeton Theological Seminary with other Fellows:
 - October 15-18, 2025: Opening Retreat
 - October 2026: Closing Celebration
- Visit a leader or organization that inspires me
- Meet with other Fellows monthly* on Zoom

* Lack of participation in monthly Zoom calls may adversely impact project funding. Participants should expect to be present for at least 9 of 12 monthly gatherings, giving appropriate notice for absences, since these gatherings are designed to further leadership capacities

What kind of leaders are Polaris Fellows?

Each cohort is made up of remarkable young adult Christian leaders with these qualities and more:

- Exhibit the kind character and leadership that inspires your peers and community
- Have qualities and capacities for Christian leadership that others want to see grow
- Are leading in a way that benefits others in your community
- Have a leadership story that needs to be shared
- Have a perspective that is vital for shaping opportunities for other Christian leaders
- Eager to appreciate and participate in a diverse cohort of leaders

Program Overview:



Fall 2025

Opening retreat, October 15-18, 2025, on campus at PTS to build community with other fellows



Winter 2025

Identify a leader or organization to visit and propose your idea



Spring 2026

Visit an inspiring leader/organization to learn from their work



Summer 2026

Share what you've learned



Fall 2026

Closing retreat on campus at PTS



For Fellowship Alumni

Optional: At the conclusion of your Fellowship year, you may propose a subgrant to launch or develop a project in your community.



People often say leadership is lonely. My biggest takeaway is how rewarding having a community of other leaders can be. It makes leadership feel far less isolating when you know there's other amazing people who are out there doing cool things. And it's important to find those people and build a network instead of being isolated.

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