

Calling all emerging city-builders DiverseCity Fellows announces call for applications

September 14, 2009. Toronto. DiverseCity Fellows (Fellows), the innovative training and networking program for rising city builders working in the private, non-profit and public sectors, invites applications from GTA-based candidates for 2010.

Launched in 2010, Fellows is part of DiverseCity: The Greater Toronto Leadership Project and is one of eight unique initiatives designed to diversify the Toronto region's leadership landscape. The Fellows program focuses on civic leadership, bringing together individuals committed to developing their leadership capacity and working collaboratively across sectors on issues critical to the future health and wealth of the Toronto region.

The 2010 fellowship program will offer innovative leadership labs, provocative workshops on diversity and informative sessions to develop civic savvy. Fellows will connect with influencers and decision-makers across the GTA and work with them to design and execute city-building projects.

“Fellows has given me a chance to connect with brilliant minds from a whole host of different backgrounds and disciplines, and it has renewed my belief in our ability to make our city a better place for everyone to live, work and play,” says 2009 Fellow Gillian Hewitt Smith, Senior Advisor, Corporate Affairs, RBC.

Chezlie Alexander, Director, Client Services at Bramalea Community Health Centre, credits Fellows with helping “maximize my potential, while also supporting other emerging leaders to reach theirs.”

The application deadline is October 9th. Applications will be reviewed by a jury of civic leaders and 2010 Fellows will be announced in January, 2010. Successful candidates will demonstrate a track record of leadership in their volunteer or professional lives and, collectively, will reflect the full diversity of knowledge and experience required to build the Toronto region of tomorrow.

To apply, visit www.diversecitytoronto.ca/diversecity-fellow/. For the list of twenty-eight 2009 Fellows, see page two.

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