Babson Board Fellows: 2016-2017 Application

Introduction

Babson Board Fellows is an experiential learning program that places current MBA students as well as recent alumni as non-voting members of nonprofit boards. The nonprofits benefit from fresh insight as well as from student contributions to board committees and special projects. Students benefit from exposure to board-level decision making, mentorship, and project experience. The goal of the program is to support local nonprofits, to build a culture of service within the Babson MBA community, and to give Babson students another opportunity to put their MBA skills into practice.

Application Process

To apply to the Babson Board Fellows program, please submit a resume and a separate document answering the following questions:

1) Please describe why you are interested in participating in Babson Board Fellows
2) What has your involvement to this point been with nonprofit organizations?
3) How do you believe you will be of service to a nonprofit Board? Remember to discuss both hard and soft skills.
4) List, in order of preference the types of organizations you are most interested in working with. Are you open to working with an organization with a different focus?
5) Please describe any restrictions that might affect your placement with a non-profit (transportation, evening or weekend family commitments, etc.)

NOTE: please include your name and Babson year on all pages of your application

All applications and resumes must be emailed to boardfellows@babson.edu by end of day Monday, July 11, 2016 for consideration. Phone, Skype, or in-person interviews may be requested depending on the selection committee’s initial screening decisions. Applicants will be notified of their status according to the schedule below.
Timeline

July 11, 2016: Applications are due

Late July 2016: Phone or Skype interviews (if appropriate)

Early August: Applicants notified; final 2016-2017 Babson Board Fellows cohort announced

Mid-August 2016: Fellows are matched with nonprofit boards and introduced virtually to begin a conversation and relationship

Early September 2016: Required training session for Babson Board Fellows

September 2016-April 2017: Board service duration. Fellows will participate in a total four trainings and networking events to discuss their experiences and learn from other Fellows, the Board Fellows Advisor, and guest speakers.

April 2017: Formal Board Service ends

Please note: Some Fellows may choose to continue their service with their nonprofit partners beyond April 2017. Fellows can work with their nonprofits to determine the best options for both parties, however, we only formally commit our Fellows to the nonprofit through April. Any Fellow who chooses to stay with a nonprofit may still seek out Gene Miller, Babson Board Fellows Advisor, for advice and support.

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