

Riordan Leadership Institute Class 50 Frequently Asked Questions

1. How can I apply for the program? Prospective Nonprofit Partners can **submit their application online** via the SCLN website. The final application deadline for Riordan Leadership Institute Class 50 Nonprofit Partners is **Friday, July 28, 2017**. After submitting an application, the Review and Selection Committee considers the pool of applicants and Nonprofit Partners are selected. **Space is limited so early applications are strongly encouraged.**

2. Who is the ideal nonprofit partner? The Riordan Leadership Institute Fellowship is suitable for organizations who want to help strengthen the capacity of your own organization and the local nonprofit sector, and build local leadership through service on nonprofit boards. The ideal organization is eager to leverage the expertise and skills of a RLI fellow, build relationships, willing to work with and mentor a RLI fellow and is able to fully dedicate the time and energy required to participate in the program.

3. What criteria will be considered during the selection and interview process? Potential partners must meet minimum qualifications in order to be considered and demonstrate capacity to support the development and growth of the RLI Fellow. Consideration will be given to board and organizational health, statement of need, commitment to providing a meaningful field experience opportunity by willingness to integrate the Fellow into board work.

4. How do Nonprofit Partners benefit from being in the program? Through classroom and experiential learning, this nine-month fellowship will go beyond theory and academics, giving fellows the opportunity to apply learned skills through field experience with a nonprofit board.

Upon completion, Riordan Leadership Institute Nonprofit Partners will have:

- **Established deeper relationships** — with prospective board members who are drawn from professional ranks of leading corporations across the region.
- **Leveraged skills and expertise** — than can increase capacity and further the work of the board and organization.
- **Raised visibility** — of the organization within the local community.

5. What are the types of RLI board projects?

Fellows are not meant to conduct direct fundraising, but are able to work on board-focused projects that advance the work of the board and mission of the organization.

6. What is the time commitment for being a Nonprofit Partner? The Riordan Leadership Institute is a 9-month fellowship. In order to accomplish the objectives of the RLI, the full participation of each individual is essential. Expected participation includes all scheduled nonprofit partner events, as well as additional time as needed for meetings and field experience with the Fellow.

7. What if I have additional questions? Please contact Claudia Morales at 213.580.7524 or cmorales@lachamber.com, or visit us online at www.leadershipnetwork.org.