



# White House Leadership Development Program

**Cohort 12 – Fall 2026 to Fall 2027**

## Program Overview

Now in its 11th year, the White House Leadership Development Program (WHLDP) is a one-year opportunity to work at the center of government offering a rare opportunity for GS-15 staff to directly contribute to Administration priorities while developing their leadership. Fellows return better equipped to lead in today's complex environment.

## Program Components

**Placement-Centered Model:** Fellows will be selected for roles that align with center of government needs and the fellows' professional expertise. This placement-first model ensures fellows bring critical skills to the center of government – delivering real-world results where they are most needed.

**Leadership Development** is a core component, with approximately 15% of the fellowship dedicated to a results-driven leadership program—building the mindset and capabilities to lead effectively, increase efficiency, and achieve impact.

## Why Apply Now



**Contribute at the center** of federal decision making.



**Strengthen your leadership** through targeted development.



**Return to your agency** with enhanced skills, perspective and networks.



**Be part of a growing alumni network** of enterprise leaders.

## Who Should Apply

GS-15 (or equivalent) from participating CFO act agencies who bring:



**Mission-driven expertise** and a passion for solving government's toughest challenges.



**Adaptability and resilience** in fast-paced, evolving policy environments.



**Learning agility and self-awareness**, demonstrating the ability to reflect, adapt, and adjust one's approach to meet the demands of complex and evolving challenges.



**Supervisor support** to participate 100% from October 2026 – September 2027.

## Timeline

(All dates listed are estimates and are subject to change.)

### **Application Launch:**

February 2026

### **Candidate Application Window:**

February – April 2026

### **Interviews:**

June – July 2026

### **Program Start:**

October 2026

## Application requirements:

1. Resume (two pages max)
2. Supervisor approval
3. Answers to open-ended questions on enterprise leadership potential
4. Email [whldp@gsa.gov](mailto:whldp@gsa.gov) for your Agency POC contact information to request the application link and supervisor approval template