



RESIDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

OVERVIEW

The Resident Leadership Academy is a new program designed to provide training and build leadership skills for residents interested in taking a more active role in civic life within their development and/or community. The program is being launched in partnership with the Fund for Public Housing, New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), and Murphy Institute/CUNY School of Professional Studies (CUNY SPS).

The program's objective is to develop current and emerging NYCHA resident leaders' knowledge and skills to assume leadership positions as stewards of public housing; foster transferrable leadership skills that residents can use across their communities; and provide a pathway to higher education. Through this program, participating residents can earn up to 16 college credits through the Murphy Institute/CUNY SPS.

What are the criteria to participate in this program?

Any resident interested in participating in the Resident Leadership Academy must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be a NYCHA resident
- Must have a high school diploma or high school equivalency
- Prior college experience preferred but not necessary (assessment test required)
- Must be available weekday evenings and Saturdays

When will the program start?

The Resident Leadership Academy will begin on **January 22, 2018 and end May 24, 2018**. There will be a required orientation on January 17, 2018.

How long will it take to complete the program?

Residents participating in the Resident Leadership Academy will be required to complete four courses (16 credits). The courses include, Public Housing, Community Organizing, Introduction to Nonprofit Leadership and Research Seminar on Public Policy. It is expected that most residents will take one course per semester and will take at least two years to complete the program.

How many residents can participate?

The Resident Leadership Academy will begin with a cohort of up to 25 residents. Seats will be filled on a first come, first served basis from eligible applicants. Interested residents are encouraged to apply early.

Where will the classes be held?

Resident Leadership Academy classes will be held at the CUNY Murphy Institute, 25 West 43rd Street, 19th Fl., New York, NY 10036.



RESIDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

The Resident Leadership Academy has a multi-step application and selection process.

STEP #1: Information Session, Pre-Screening & TABE Testing Appointment

October 2017 – November 2017

- Attend an information session to learn more about the Resident Leadership Academy
- Complete a pre-screening form at the information session and select a date for the Test for Adult and Basic Education (T.A.B.E.) to move forward in the application process

STEP #2: TABE Testing Session & Application

- Take the TABE test
- Complete the Resident Leadership Academy application, including providing supporting documents
- NYCHA and CUNY Murphy Institute staff review applications and TABE scores to confirm eligibility (including verifying residency)

STEP #3: Interview Appointment

- Eligible residents invited for a brief interview (approx. 15-20 minutes) with NYCHA and CUNY Murphy Institute staff

November 2017- January 2018

STEP #4: Interview

- Attend a one-on-one interview with NYCHA and CUNY Murphy Institute staff

STEP #5: Final Selection, Acceptance and Registration

- Residents selected for the program notified of their admissions status
- Residents confirm their intent to enroll in the program and register for class

January 2018

STEP #6: Orientation and Class

- Attend Mandatory Program Orientation: **January 17, 2018**
- Begin first course in Resident Leadership Academy: **January 22, 2018**