

2025 Women inPower Fellows Selected

Including rising leaders in Business, Nonprofits, Government, Law, Medicine, Education, Media, and Technology.

NEW YORK – January 27, 2025 – 92nd Street Y, New York’s Belfer Center for Innovation & Social Impact has announced the 2025 Class of Women inPower, a fellowship program aimed at advancing women+ to the highest levels of leadership across all sectors. The new cohort consists of Fellows selected from a competitive pool of hundreds of applicants. This year’s Fellows include leaders from a wide variety of backgrounds and professions, including education, government, law, technology, finance, international affairs, philanthropy, nonprofits, arts, business, healthcare, and media.

This program provides women+ leaders with professional development, executive mentorship, and participation in an active community of leaders. The program encourages Fellows to think ambitiously about not only their career path and success, but creating a healthier and more egalitarian society for all.

As Women inPower celebrates its 10th anniversary, the program marks a decade of empowering women+ leaders across industries to advance to the highest levels of their careers. Since its inception, WiP has supported over 210 Fellows through executive mentorship, professional development workshops, and a thriving peer network.

This year, the program expands its impact with the launch of the Neurodivergent Leaders Cohort, a groundbreaking initiative designed to support neurodivergent women+ leaders in overcoming unique challenges and leveraging their strengths. This new cohort builds on WiP’s proven model while deepening its commitment to inclusivity and innovation in leadership development.

Fellows are mentored by a group of leaders that include: Komal Bajaj, Chief Quality Officer, NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi/NCB; Raoul Bhavnani, Chief Communications Officer, Betterment; Tim Maleeny, Chief Strategy & Integration Officer, Quad; Ursula Wynhoven, Director and Representative to the UN, ITU; Elizabeth Leber, Managing Partner, Beyer Blinder Belle Architects; Kathy Wu Brady, Founder & Principal, KWB Studios, LLC; Jennefer Witter, CEO/Founder, The Boreland Group Inc; Tatyana Kleyman, General Counsel, Brightcore Energy.

“As we celebrate a decade of Women inPower, we are thrilled to welcome the extraordinary class of 2025 Fellows,” said Rebekah Shrestha, Senior Vice President & Executive Director of the Belfer Center for Innovation & Social Impact. “This milestone year reaffirms our commitment to championing women+ leaders who are transforming their industries, creating lasting social impact, and redefining leadership for the next generation. We are especially proud to be launching the first of its kind, Neurodivergent Leaders Cohort, that uplifts and celebrates the contributions of women+ leaders who learn and think differently. We are honored to support this year’s Fellows on their journeys to breaking down barriers and achieving unparalleled professional success.”

The 2025 Women inPower Fellows are:

- Jeanie Ahn, Career & Money Coach/Journalist, Pen to Paper Productions

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- Vishney Ambalavanar, Senior Investigator, U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration
- Melanie Ash, Deputy Chief, Affirmative Litigation Division, New York City Law Department
- Sasha Bartashnik, Head of Data & AI, Vendelux
- Christina Bogie-Claxton, MPA, Director of Finance, Montefiore Medical Center
- Jennifer Bohn, Assistant Director of RockEDU Science Outreach, The Rockefeller University
- Mary Kate Boughton, Director, Digital Strategy, Carnegie Corporation of New York
- Paris Bradley, Managing Director, Teneo
- Noëlle Byer, Head of Transfer Department, Reel to Reel Haven
- Miguelina Camilo, Counsel to Speaker, New York State Assembly
- Paula Caquias, Strategic Projects Manager, Mayor's Community Affairs Unit
- Maria Chepurina, Programme Officer, United Nations
- Filippa Christofalou, Founder and Lead Educator, Museum Education & Public Engagement, The Drama Science Lab
- Aura Cifuentes, Head, Latin America and the Caribbean, Co-Develop
- Rose Crichton-White, Director of Marketing, Development & Special Events, Brooklyn Conservatory of Music
- Deborah Elson, Managing Director, Argot Partners
- Elizabeth English-Blanco, Vice President of Equity Capital Markets Operations and ECM Team COO, Madison International Realty
- Marry Ferreira, Senior Manager, Communications and Global Accountability, Global Fund for Women
- Sarah Gastelum, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Mayor, Office of the Mayor, City of New York
- Erin Gehant, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Chancellor for Operations and Finance, NYC Public Schools
- Rumsha Hada, Marketing Growth Analyst, Meta
- Pamela Hower, Director of Marketing and Communications, El Museo del Barrio
- Dana Huber, Director, Programs and Strategic Learning at the New York Women's Foundation, The New York Women's Foundation
- Mariya Ilyas, U.S. Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State
- Tobi Jaiyesimi, Vice President, Real Estate, Kasirer
- Justine Jones-Smith, Special Education Teacher/Special Education Department Co-Chair/IEP Coordinator, Harvest Collegiate High School - New York City Department of Education
- Krista Kaszycki, Director of Operations, AlphaRidge
- Kritika Kharbanda, Head of Sustainability, Henning Larsen
- Alexandra Krueger, Director of Museum Administration, The New York Historical Society
- Valerie Leon, Executive Director, Mitchell-Lama Portfolio, NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD)

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- Jenni Majumdar, Assistant Professor Assistant Specialty Director, Nurse Anesthesia Adult Gerontology Acute Care DNP Program, Hunter College, City University of New York
- Maia Molina-Schaefer, Leadership Fellow, Amplify Her
- Katy Nelson, Deputy Director of Development, The Century Foundation
- Megan O'Toole, Deputy Director of Research, Everytown for Gun Safety
- Kyndall Osibodu, Director, Organizational Health, Operations, + Learning, Grantmakers for Girls of Color
- Tracy Powell-Rudy, Vice President Corporate Engagement, Integrate Advisors
- Rona Ramjas, Storyteller, Artist
- Jilliene Rodriguez, Managing Member & Associate Dean for Diversity and Community Engagement, Abintus LLC & School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University
- Edda Santiago, SVP, Deputy General Counsel, Covenant House International
- Molly Schaeffer, Director, Mayors Office of Asylum Seeker Operations, City of New York
- Rebecca Scott, Director of Programs, FASPE (Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics)
- Alexandra Siclait, Director of Fiscal Sponsorship, Proteus Fund
- Millie Symns, Data Strategy and Analytics Consultant, Illoominus
- Alethia Wong, Social enterprise consultant and advisor, Independent

For more information, visit www.WomeninPower.org.

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