



Community Scholars in Affordable Housing *An Innovative Community of Practice: Spring 2018*

This innovative program is designed to familiarize emerging leaders with best practices in community development and affordable housing policy and practice in the United States. The program is open to interested professionals working in non-profit, for-profit, and government sectors including development, real estate, finance, design, public administration, community and economic revitalization or related fields. The program will explore techniques and concepts in the development of affordable housing and will discuss special issues facing South Florida, including funding, design, special-needs populations, homeownership, advocacy, markets, and engaging stakeholders. Sessions will feature local and national experts in affordable housing and community development, as well as peer-to-peer learning in a “community of practice” model. Participants will have the chance to acquire skills and build networks that will lead to enhanced opportunities in the field of affordable housing. We hope you will join the fifth cohort of Community Scholars!

Program details:

- Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2017.
- Community Scholars website: <http://civic.miami.edu/housing-initiatives/community-scholars-program/index.html>
- The program will include 11 Friday breakfast sessions (8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) held every other week between January and June 2018. Dates will be posted on the Community Scholars website soon.
- Most sessions will be held at South Florida Community Development Coalition/Neighborhood Housing Services offices, 300 NW 12th Ave., Miami, and some will be hosted by speakers on-site at their locations.
- A program fee of \$100 from either the applicant or the applicant’s place of work is required.
- Participants are expected to attend all sessions and complete a final project related to their current employment.
- Signatures from the applicant’s supervisor and the head of his or her organization are required.
- Space is limited to a maximum of 12 participants in order to facilitate an interactive learning community.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Office of Civic and Community Engagement at the University of Miami at (305) 284-6626 or civicengagement@miami.edu.

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Due Date for RECEIPT of application: Friday, November 10, 2017
Complete application online on the Community Scholars website

Application questions you will find online

Personal Information

Name:

Birth year (optional):

Email Address:

Address:

Phone:

Position & Organization:

Years of Related Experience:

How did you learn about this program?:

A. Please attach a current resume or CV (maximum 5 pages)

B. Please provide a one-paragraph answer to each of the following questions:

1. Please describe your experience and knowledge with regards to affordable housing and community development.
2. Give an example of how you have collaborated in the past or how collaboration will be useful to your organization.
3. Please describe one or more housing-related issues affecting the community you serve.
4. What skills do you bring to the community of practice?
5. What do you hope to gain from the community of practice?

C. Supervisor's and Organization/Department Lead's Signature

Supervisor's Name:

Email and Phone Number:

Signature: _____

Organization/Department Lead's Name:

Email and Phone Number:

Signature: _____



Community Scholars in Affordable Housing Course Schedule

Date	Activity
January 19, 2018	Session 1
February 2, 2018	Session 2
February 16, 2018	Session 3
March 2, 2018	Session 4
March 16, 2018	Session 5
March 23, 2018	Session 6
April 6, 2018	Session 7
April 20, 2018	Session 8
May 4, 2018	Session 9
May 18, 2018	Session 10
June 1, 2018	FINAL SESSION: Public presentations

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