

# HUDSON VALLEY PATTERN FOR PROGRESS Regional Fellows Program

## Program Details:

**Duration:**  
October 2011 to  
June 2012

## Counties Represented:

Columbia  
Dutchess  
Greene  
Orange  
Putnam  
Rockland  
Sullivan  
Ulster  
Westchester

**Tuition:**  
\$1,500  
with Limited  
Scholarship Funding  
Available

**Application  
Deadline:**  
September 16, 2011

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the Fellows page at  
www.pattern-for-  
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***An innovative approach to cultivating a "Hudson Valley perspective" among those already acknowledged as leaders in their respective communities and disciplines.***



**More than ever, the problems facing the Valley require a regional approach... and above all, Pattern's Fellows are encouraged to be problem solvers.**

The Regional Fellows Program is a dynamic initiative designed to identify Hudson Valley leaders and enhance their ability to address issues from a regional perspective. Now entering its fifth year, the program's 80 graduates include corporate managers, academic leaders, nonprofit executives and municipal officials who have their own Fellows alumni network.

Led by Pattern President and CEO Jonathan Drapkin, the curriculum features expert lecturers covering topics ranging from regional politics and economic development to healthcare and energy, as well as discussions based on readings on leadership and creative thinking. Debate is encouraged, and the program includes "Point/Counterpoint" sessions on key issues presented by participants. Fellows also engage in group projects on regional issues. Fellows are asked to attend an orientation retreat and biweekly evening meetings, October through June.

To be eligible for the program, applicants should have a minimum of five years experience in their respective fields, with demonstrated commitment to community development. Pattern will attempt to balance representation from as wide a variety of fields as possible among each class' participants. Those who have graduated from a county leadership program are specifically encouraged to apply.

*"An extraordinary opportunity to develop and enhance leadership skills in the company of other like-minded community members. The content of the program is designed to impart a level of understanding of critical regional issues that is unavailable elsewhere." Chris Wood, President, DTZ International*

## Curriculum Description

The Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress Regional Fellows Program is a unique opportunity for mid-career professionals and executives to gain meaningful experience in leadership on a regional level, using a dynamic approach to problem solving.

***The program begins in October with an orientation retreat, followed by biweekly evening meetings through May.*** Meetings feature an educational lecture series; discussions of assigned readings on leadership, current events and regional planning; a stimulating “Point/Counterpoint” issues debate format; and ongoing team projects to explore and promote the best new ideas to support regional thinking. Past team projects have analyzed the potential for county-wide school districts, developed a regional approach to waterfront brownfields, researched the viability of business



incubators, and created the annual Hudson Valley Food Frenzy to engage organizations throughout the region in collecting food and funds for the Hudson Valley Food Bank.

***The educational lecture series features monthly seminars led by respected regional leaders on critical issues facing the Hudson Valley.*** Past lecturers include Dyson Foundation CEO Diana Gurieva; founder of DataNet Communications Group, John Galanti; regional healthcare experts Dr. Daniel Aronzon, CEO of Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Scott Batulis, CEO of Orange Regional Medical Center, and consultant Art Weintraub; media leaders Barry Rothfeld, publisher of the *Poughkeepsie Journal*, and Derek Osenenko of the *Times Herald Record*; labor leader Todd Diorio, president of Local 17 LE-CET; energy expert Carl Meyer, past president of Central Hudson and current president of The Solar Energy Consortium; and NYS government experts Dr. Gerald Benjamin, director of the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach at SUNY New Paltz; Assembly members Aileen Gunther and Kevin Cahill, and Senator Bill Larkin.

***The Fellows program is led by Pattern’s president, Jonathan Drapkin.*** In addition to his professional career in government and not-for-profit management, Mr. Drapkin has taught Public Administration courses on both undergraduate and graduate levels. He is a graduate of Leadership New York, the New York City Urban Fellows Program, and the Attorney General’s Internship Program. His creative and sometimes irreverent style in the classroom contributes to a unique and rewarding experience.

*Program tuition of \$1,500 includes all coursework materials, meals at each event, orientation retreat, and the graduation luncheon. Limited scholarship funding is available.*

