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TRAIN FOR LEADERSHIP. APPLY FOR MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY’S MICHIGAN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Join the ranks of Michigan legislators, school board members, mayors, city council members, county commissioners and leaders at every level who’ve taken the steps to higher office through the Michigan Political Leadership Program.

Applications are now available for Michigan State University’s Michigan Political Leadership Program. The fellowship program is considered one of the nation’s leading training grounds for rising policy and political leaders. It is one of only a handful of multi-partisan training programs in the nation.

“MPLP Fellows are asked to form new relationships, learn new concepts and explore effective leadership in new ways,” said Douglas B. Roberts, Ph.D., director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research where MPLP makes its home at Michigan State University.

MPLP’s first class graduated in 1992. Since then, more than 500 men and women of various political views, professions and regions of the state have earned an MPLP certificate. Each MPLP class invites 24 Fellows – 12 men and 12 women.

The fellowships are competitive, requiring written application, essay, references and personal interview.

By the most recent count, 45 percent of MPLP’s graduates have been elected or appointed to elective or appointed positions at local, regional or statewide levels.

The program of workshops, seminars, panel discussions, hands-on activities and guided tours takes place over 10 weekends. Fellows are asked to commit to the intensive schedule that includes presentations from some of the state’s highest political officers and most experienced policy analysts.

MPLP Fellowships, each valued at approximately $12,000, are tuition-free. An administrative fee of $1,000 is requested.

Applications are due Friday, Aug. 23, 2013 for the MPLP Class of 2014. They are available at http://ippsr.msu.edu/mlp/recruitment.html. Applications received after that time will be considered for the following year’s program.

More information is available on IPPSR’s website at www.ippsr.msu.edu, or through MPLP Administrator Linda Cleary at 517-353-0891 or clearyl@msu.edu.

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