MPLP Co-Director

The Michigan Political Leadership Program is a non-partisan certificate program designed for those seeking greater involvement in public policy process, particularly by serving in and seeking public office. MPLP aims to increase the abilities of elected officials and policy leaders at all levels of Michigan governance. It is an education outreach program of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) at Michigan State University.

We are seeking a contract with a new co-director. Responsibilities will include:

- Working in a collegial relationship with MPLP program administrators, MPLP Co-Director Steve Tobocman, University personnel, current and former fellows, and Advisory Board members.

- Broadening outreach to political and civic leaders and constituencies throughout Michigan, particularly among Republicans, and ensuring that MPLP maintains a positive and bipartisan reputation.

- Serving as co-moderator for monthly (Feb-Nov) weekend sessions (Friday evening and Saturday with at least one session held on a Thursday and Friday). Helping implement, review, and update MPLP curriculum and programs and identify and recruit appropriate program presenters.

- Recruiting, interviewing and selecting program participants.

- Serving as mentor and coach to 24 current MPLP fellows during the 10-month program and continuing that role as needed with MPLP alumni.

- Supporting MPLP’s fundraising activities that include private sponsorship, fundraising events, foundation grants, scholarship funds and weekend underwriting. These activities can include calls and emails to MPLP sponsors, as well as meetings with prospective funders.

- Working with MPLP alumni to develop programming and networking opportunities to strengthen the Alumni Association.

- Exploring program development ideas for innovations in the current program. Evaluating and improving program outcomes. Meeting regularly to discuss progress and future plans and activities of the program.