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Corporate Ambassador Program

An initiative of the PMI Chicagoland Business Outreach Division



Overview

Redefining project success for organizations.

Our Corporate Ambassadors are project professionals selected to represent their organizations in a unique program designed for the exchange of ideas and the development of organizational project success strategies.

Ambassadors are crucial advocates of PMI and the Chicagoland Chapter and promote the value of project management within their organizations. Participants gain valuable insights while addressing the needs of their organization and contributing to corporate objectives.

I'm a Corporate Ambassador alumnus and so glad I was accepted into the program... [It] gave me a good exposure in the Organization and resulted in building great professional relationships... In my company, I stepped up as a leader and change champion and received a promotion.

Jayashree Lakshmanan
Senior Project Manager
Command Alkon



Impact

Empowering Project Professionals

Corporate Ambassadors benefit their organizations and their careers:

- ✓ Increase your brand as a leader and champion for change
- ✓ Receive support to help deepen your leadership skills and PM expertise
- ✓ Act as your organization's voice within PMI Chicagoland Chapter
- ✓ Earn PDU's for participating 3-4 Corporate Ambassador meetings
- ✓ Gain valuable networking and collaboration experience
- ✓ Enhance your organization's project management expertise
- ✓ Develop a Community of Practice (CoP) or Center of Excellence (CoE) in your workplace, or gain support for your CoP or CoE



Program Structure

Shaping the future -- together.

Over the course of four immersive sessions, Ambassadors will:

- Identify core project management needs and develop success strategies that provide the greatest value to their organization
- Exchange ideas and build important connections with dedicated and experienced project professionals
- Serve as their organization's voice within PMI while championing PMI core values and opportunities
- Develop leadership and other career-advancing skillsets
- Access exclusive PMI resources like trainings and templates



Program Schedule

After applications are submitted and candidates are notified of their selection, the program kicks off followed by a series of virtual and in-person sessions during the weekday evenings.

The following is an example of the program schedule. The actual program schedule is subject to change and may differ.

Session	Schedule	Format	Location	Time Frame	Duration
Program Kick-Off	Week 1	Virtual	Zoom	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	120 minutes
Roundtable & Workshop	Week 3	In-person	Rosemont, IL	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	180 minutes
Training Session	Week 6	Virtual	Zoom	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	90 minutes
Roundtable & Workshop	Week 10	Virtual	Zoom	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	120 minutes
Ambassador Recognition	Week 14	In-person	Rosemont, IL	6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	150 minutes

Alumni of the program are expected to remain active Ambassadors and to stay involved in related activities for at least one year after the recognition dinner.

Ambassador Profile

Our Ambassadors are project, program, and portfolio managers, owners of businesses, and directors, vice presidents, and others who preside over Project Management Offices (PMO) or project teams.

They also come from a variety of industries including but not limited to the banking and financial, medical, pharmaceutical, construction and building, engineering, energy, IT, retail, non-profit, university, and governmental sectors.

Ambassadors share a common objective to elevate the value of project management and maximize project success at their organizations.

We inspire action and lead change. We are project professionals.



Frequently Asked Questions

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What are the benefits of being a Corporate Ambassador?

There are personal gains for Corporate Ambassadors ranging from improved interpersonal skills and leadership skills to better knowledge of strategic and business management and technical project management.

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Is there a fee to join the program?

No, there is no fee to join the program, but you must be an active member of the PMI Chicagoland chapter.

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What resources are available for a Corporate Ambassador?

Access to templates, best practices, videos, articles, a discussion forum and more will be provided. Most valuable will be networking within the PMI Chicagoland chapter, its leaders, Executive Council, and current and previous cohorts of Corporate Ambassadors.

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What are the prerequisites for applicants?

- Prerequisites include that you are currently:
- A member of the PMI Chicagoland Chapter
 - A project, program, or portfolio manager or leader - you must be able to influence change in your organization
 - Broadly experienced in career and volunteering
 - Hold a project management certification such as PMP

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How much time do I need to devote to the program?

The amount of time is subject to the goals set by the Ambassador. In addition to working on goals, Ambassadors are expected to collaborate in 3-4 meetings and prepare for such meetings, complete status reports and assist with Corporate Outreach according to their interests, knowledge and skills.

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What does it mean to graduate from the program?

During a celebratory meeting, Ambassadors are recognized for their achieved goals and receive a certificate of program completion. There is an expectation to continue to be an active Ambassador for at least one year after graduation. Graduates are part of the larger alumni community.

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Corporate Outreach

The **Corporate Ambassador Program** is an initiative of the **PMI Chicagoland Business Outreach Division** and a flagship program under the **Corporate Outreach** area. Corporate Outreach is focused on advancing the practice and profession of project management among businesses throughout the greater Chicago area in a conscious and proactive manner by connecting the chapter to member organizations and businesses.

Ready to become a Corporate Ambassador?

If you are interested in becoming a Corporate Ambassador, please visit us online at pmichicagoland.org/Company_Ambassador_Program and complete the **Corporate Ambassador Application**.

For inquiries or to learn more about the program, contact the Director of Corporate Outreach:

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