

LADDERS FOR LEADERS

Ladders for Leaders is a nationally recognized program that offers outstanding high school and college students the opportunity to participate in paid professional summer internships with leading corporations, non-profit organizations and government agencies in New York City.

The program has been cited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Center for an Urban Future as a model program for connecting qualified youth to professional internships.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Open to high achieving NYC students 16-22 years old
- Thirty hours advanced pre-employment training to prepare youth for interviews with prospective employers
- Up to six weeks of professional employer-paid internship and educational experience
- Six Program Partners: Central Queens YM & YWHA, Chinese-American Planning Council, Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, JCC of Greater Coney Island, PENCIL, and United Activities Unlimited

PROGRAM HISTORY

2006 Launch of two pilot programs-CAPITAL and GirlsReach

2008

183 participants and 63 unique employers participated in the program

2010

Free checking accounts offered to participants 18+

2007

Pilot programs merged to create NYC Ladders for Leaders 2009

American Airlines awarded eight Ladders participants with Round-Trip Airfare to visit the prospective colleges of their choice

2016

10 year anniversary of Ladders for Leaders and the most successful year to date with 1,538 participants and 475 participating employers 2014

Partnership with Citi Foundation which resulted in enhanced Financial Empowerment Programming for youth and an increased number of opportunities for Ladders for Leaders

2012

Online worksite application system created

2015

A record breaking 1,035 participants and 191 unique employers. Launch of the Center for Youth Employment to support youth employment initiatives in NYC, including Ladders for Leaders

2013

The program was contracted out to four Community Partners



1,538

A Increase of 48% from 2015

6,115

Increase of 120% from 2015

475

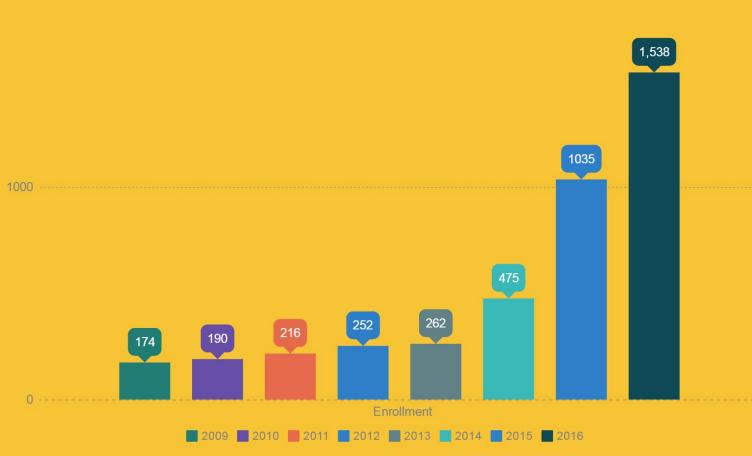
Increase of 148% from 2015

34%

Received an offer to continue employment after the program

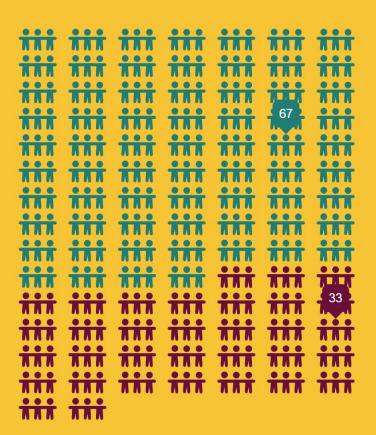
HISTORICAL ENROLLMENT





ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWN

By Gender

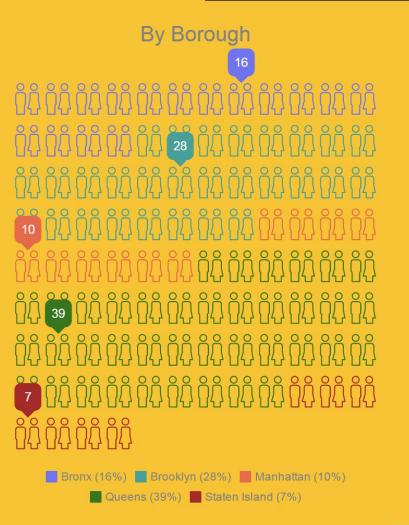


FEMALE 67%

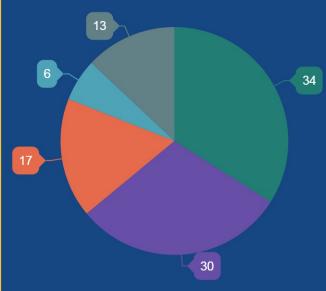
MALE 33%

Female (67%) 📕 Male (33%)

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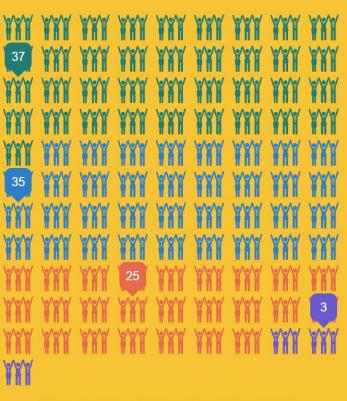


Asian (34%) Black (30%) Hispanic (17%)

Other (6%) White (13%)

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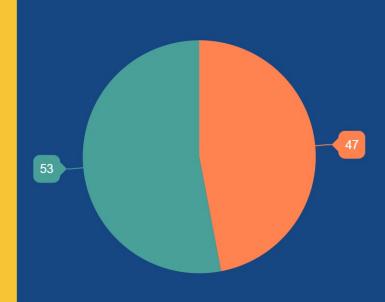
By Age



16-17 (37%) **18-19** (35%) **20-21** (25%)

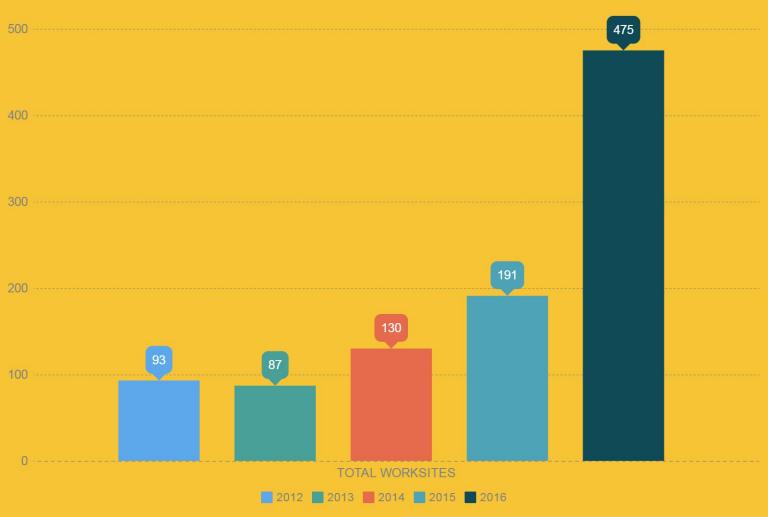
21 and up (3%)



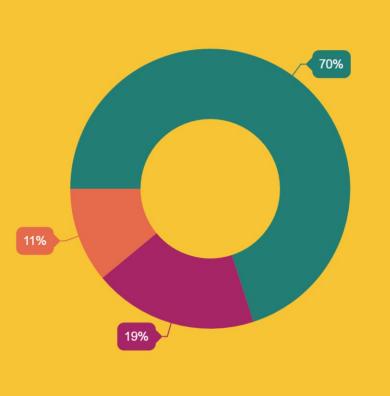


High School (47%) College (53%)

TOTAL EMPLOYERS



INTERNSHIP SECTOR BREAKDOWN



PRIVATE NON-PROFIT 334 89

PUBLIC 52











Financial Services

- Amalgamated Bank
- Bank of America
- JP Morgan Chase

Technology

- AOL
- AppNexus
- Pandora

Media & Entertainment

- **■** Emmis Communications
- Refinery29
- VP Records

Real Estate

- Sotheby's
- Tishman Speyer
- **■** Toll Brothers City Living

Fashion

- Coach
- Diane von Furstenberg
- Ralph Lauren







rated their overall experience participating in the program as positive



rated their overall experience at their internship sites positive



said they are motivated to pursue a college degree as a result of participating in the program



of youth received an offer to continue employment at the end of the program



FROM OUR PARTICIPANTS



Ladders for Leaders helped me by engaging in rigorous training which would later prepare me for a huge internship opportunity at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). They also gave me the basic comprehension skills of financial literacy, which I was gravely in need of. The result was my growth in professional skills, along with a better understanding of what I wanted to do and how I could get get there.

Breanna James | DOHMH Intern

You really are climbing up ladders faster in Ladders for Leaders. Starting at level one, before we interviewed for our respective employers, we went through pre-hire training. The most important advice I took from these meetings was how to make the most of my internship. To do this, I had to come out of my shell and build my network because the people around you could possibly have a heavy impact on your journey to your career. During my internship, I was able to meet many kind and successful people who mentored me on my future decisions.

Amy Feng | Deloitte Intern

Ladders for Leaders gave me the opportunity of a lifetime to better understand the industry that I have been curious about. If it wasn't for Ladders for Leaders I wouldn't have known about the organization and learned about the different careers in theatre. Thank you Ladders for Leaders!

Vanessa Panora | Broadway League Intern



I can honestly say that being a part of Ladders for Leaders has changed my life. This program helped me to prepare for college, as well as my future, long-term career. The training sessions taught me so much about the interview process, how to network, and how to write a resume--all things that I got to learn as a teenager in high school. I know these lessons are important for every stage of my life going forward. I admire the employees and volunteers who dedicate their time to helping us reach our professional goals and always encourage us to do our best.

Through Ladders for Leaders, I had the opportunity of working at Wunderman, an advertising agency that falls under the umbrella of its parent company Y&R. I've learned so much about the advertising industry, from how market research is done to how a creative idea is developed. Prior to my internship, I had no idea how much time and effort goes into creating advertisements and packaging products. I didn't realize just how much collaborative effort is required in order to produce something for a client. While working here, I've met so many driven, talented, and dedicated people. It was a pleasure working with and learning from each of them.

Ariana Alessandri 2016 Ladders Intern at Y&R Senior at Queens High School for the Sciences at York College



rated working with NYC Ladders for Leaders interns as positive



said the NYC Ladders for Leaders resume pool met their company's internship needs



believed NYC Ladders for Leaders interns were sufficiently prepared for the workplace.





"Programs like the Ladders for Leaders are key to not only growth of small businesses and start-ups in NYC, but the career advancement of minority groups. We enjoyed having Interns from the Ladders for Leaders program at our office. They were professional, focused, eager to learn and take on more responsibilities. Best of all, they were qualified!"

Edgina Desormeau | DE | 1989

Working with Ladders for Leaders was a rewarding experience. They provided me with great candidates who were productive and eager to learn. This was a great pool of talent that contributed to the daily operations of the fast paced world of public relations and media strategy. They walked away with valuable business skills that they can use in multiple fields.

Lelani Clark | Seven Squared Media

We had a very rewarding experience working with two Ladders for Leaders interns this summer. They contributed great ideas and perspectives to a variety of projects and tasks and also became quite invested in the work of art on the walls of our museum. It was a great summer for all!

Betsy Gibbons | The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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