



HTXelerator to bring accessible training for future-focused leaders

HOUSTON, TX – July 19, 2021 - Launching from The Cannon Downtown and The Ion in September 2021, the mission of the HTXelerator is to identify and prepare future-focused leaders for public service, specifically boards, commissions, and eventually city council.

Similar to a tech accelerator, the three-month program trains class members on the nuts and bolts of city government and ends with a competition known as The Pitch, which enables each participant to put forward a policy platform for a hypothetical race.

Topics covered during the immersive opening and closing weekend retreats and the 90-minute weekly education sessions include transportation, public safety, land use, diversity and social equity, economic development, homelessness, city finances, utilities, media training, and how to run a campaign.

The program is affordable at \$195 per a participant to ensure accessibility, diversity, and equal representation across the city of Houston.

Cohort members will be announced by August 13th, 2021. There is no fee to apply, <https://www.htxelerator.org/application>.

The HTXelerator is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit corporation.

“The Houston region continues to grow and subsequently so does the need for public leadership to reflect the city’s dynamic diversity. HTXelerator will allow people with an interest in public service to learn from experts in government, non-profit organizations, academia and the private sector. Whether pursuing a leadership position or running for office, HTXelerator graduates will be ahead of the game.”

– Renee Cross, Senior Director, University of Houston, Hobby School of Public Affairs

“The HTXelerator training program is sure to contribute to the pool of well qualified candidates for Boards and Commission in the city of Houston.”

– Maria Del Pilar Montes, Director of Boards and Commissions, City of Houston

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