Since 2011, the HERlead Fellowship has trained, mentored and inspired over 340 high school girls from across the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico to become the next generation of female leaders. Through the training and mentoring received in the HERlead Fellowship, young women are empowered and equipped with the leadership skills they need to effect global progress, invest in their communities and begin their individual leadership journeys. HERlead has also provided grant funding for more than 284 social impact projects to date.

This groundbreaking initiative is a collaboration between Vital Voices Global Partnership and ascena retail group inc., including its Ann Taylor and LOFT brands. Vital Voices is the preeminent non-governmental organization whose mission is to invest in women leaders who improve the world. ascena retail group inc. —and its Ann Taylor and LOFT brands — inspires and connects with women to put their best selves forward every day. Together, these organizations provide HERlead Fellows with mentorship, grants and other resources so they can learn through action and each realize their distinct visions for making a positive difference in the world.

HERLEAD LEADERSHIP FORUM

During the Forum, Fellows are introduced to unique leadership and communications trainings, presentations on real-world solutions for social change, mentorship opportunities and the chance to learn about their individual style, to help them put their best selves forward every day.

HERLEAD PROJECT GRANT

Following the Forum, HERlead Fellows return to their communities and put their training into action, developing projects that address pressing issues related to economic empowerment, the environment, public health, education, political and public leadership, and human rights. Each Fellow is eligible for a HERlead Project Grant to help bring her world-changing ideas to life.

HERLEAD AMBASSADOR WORKSHOPS

Three Ambassador Workshops take place annually. All HERlead Alumni can apply and 4 to 6 finalists are select to attend.

The Workshops focus on a specific topic or sector such as Leadership in the Non-Profit Sector, Technology, and Advocacy/Public Service. Attendees will receive individualized training and mentorship.

Fellows who participate in these workshops earn the title of HERlead Ambassador. HERlead Ambassadors are champions of the Fellowship and serve as mentors and inspiration for the other young women in the HERlead network.

To find out more about HERlead and how you can get involved, please visit HERlead.org.