



JULY 22 – JULY 31, 2025 BOSTON, MA USA

WOMEN2WOMEN AMERICA

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Women2Women is
a program of



*Friendly reminder to wear your
credentials at all times!*

The campus of Emerson College is located in the heart of Boston's Theatre District, right across from the iconic Boston Common. All of the campus locations you'll need to be at over the next 10 days are within a short walking distance.

Colonial Building Residence Hall

100 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

All on campus meals at the Emerson Dining Hall

Entrance at 25 Boylston Place (*brick alley way between
130 Boylston and 122 Boylston St*)

Lion's Den Above the dining hall

Bordy Auditorium

216 Tremont Street (Union Bank building)

2025 Program Schedule

Tuesday, July 22 to Thursday, July 31, 2025

Schedule subject to change.

TUESDAY, JULY 22 "EmpowerHER 2025!"

12:00 PM – 10:00 PM **Check-In – Colonial Building**

Upon arrival participants will check in and receive lodging information and program materials. Throughout the day, you are welcome to rest up from your travels or join our W2W staff for a campus tour, local shopping trip or campus activity!

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM **Lunch** *Emerson Dining Hall (entrance at 25 Boylston Place)*

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Dinner** *Emerson Dining Hall (entrance at 25 Boylston Place)*

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Dessert Social** *Lion's Den (above the dining hall)*

Meet new friends and socialize over dessert!

10:00 PM **Campus Check-In, Curfew** Check in with the Team Leaders on the 7th floor before you head to your room!

CAMPUS CHECK-IN & CURFEW Each night you are required to check in with the W2W staff stationed on the 7th floor in the dorm. W2W staff will be in place by 9:30 PM. **Daily curfew is 10:00 PM.** Should you decide to return to your room earlier, please let your team leaders know so that we are not looking for you.

W2W2025 Program Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 "I believe in me."

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Breakfast** (*Emerson Dining Hall*)

BORDY AUDITORIUM

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM **W2W Alumnae Summer Staff & Team Meetings**

TEAM FABULOUS: **Alexandra Wolf** (Belgium/Germany) and **Chisom Lois** (Belgium)

TEAM MARVELOUS: **Lisa-Marie Darras** (Germany) and **Fatma ElRefaei** (Egypt)

TEAM SPECTACULAR: **Adeodata Kanyamihanda** (Belgium), **Alexandra Budson** (United States) and **Greta Johnson** (United States)

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM **Welcome to Women2Women 2025! Emerson College**

Richard Rendon, *Founder, Empower Peace*

State Representative Chynah Tyler (*7th Suffolk*), *W2W Co-Chair*

Tricia Raynard, *Executive Director, Empower Peace*

Kari Johnston, *Outreach Director, Empower Peace*

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM **Featured Speaker: Victoria Budson**, *Partner and Global Head of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Bain Capital*

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM **Lunch / Free Time**

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Action Plan Development!**

Rick Rendon, *Founder, Empower Peace*

Tricia Raynard, *Executive Director, Empower Peace*

In this session you will learn how to create an impactful action plan for the issues you care about in your country. Discover how to organize your thoughts, identify goals, leverage personal strengths, and engage your target audience effectively.

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM **Featured Speaker: Jamila Gales**, *Boston Police Officer; Founder, Girls Reflecting Our World (G.R.O.W.); Founder, Growth Mindsets Consulting*

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM **Team Meetings – Action Plan Development**

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM **Breaking Down Gender-Based Violence: Awareness and Prevention**

Stacy Malone, *Executive Director, Victim Rights Law Center*

Gender-based violence is one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world. It knows no social, economic or national boundaries. Worldwide, an estimated one in three women will experience physical or sexual abuse in her lifetime. Gender-based violence undermines the health, dignity, security and autonomy of its victims, yet it remains shrouded in a culture of silence. (<https://www.unfpa.org/gender-based-violence>)

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Dinner**

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Boston Walking Tour With Your Team** Get to know your surroundings with your team!

8:15 PM – 10:00 PM **Movie Night (Optional)** Join us for a movie in the dorm on the 7th floor.

10:00 PM **Campus Check-In, Curfew** Check in with the W2W staff on the 7th floor.

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THURSDAY, JULY 24 “Strong Women = Strong World”

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM **Breakfast**

BORDY AUDITORIUM

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM **W2W Morning Briefing**
W2W Alumna Virtual Visit

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM **Featured Speaker: Donato J. Tramuto**, *Founder & Chairman, Health eVillages; Founder & Chairman, TramutoPorter Foundation; Author & Healthcare Activist*

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM BREAK

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM **Me and We**

Dr. Priscilla Douglas, *Author, Executive Coach, Speaker*

In this interactive session, W2W delegates will explore how their unique strengths—their “ME”—can fuel collective action—the “WE.” Like birds flying in formation or fish moving as one, nature shows us the power of shared purpose. To solve today’s challenges, we need bold ideas, deep connection, and new tools—including AI—to amplify impact. Together, we’ll surface strategies and share wisdom from the room. Each delegate will leave ready to mobilize her community—because healing the world starts with one strong ME, multiplied by many unstoppable WEs.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Women as Change Agents**

Deb McCarthy, *Vice President, Massachusetts Teachers Association*

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Lunch**

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM **Become a More Effective Negotiator**

Florrie Darwin, *Faculty, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School; Senior Consultant*

We all engage in negotiations virtually every day, in professional, organizational, and personal interactions. Leaders negotiate frequently, of course, with members of their constituency, with colleagues, and with leaders and members of other groups. This session aims to improve your skills in negotiation situations, especially by making you aware of how you actually think and behave in various negotiation contexts, and whether these are the most effective behaviors—and, if they’re not, how to make negotiation choices that might be even more effective.

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM **Team Meetings**

4:30 PM – 5:45 PM **Dinner**

5:45 PM – 6:30 PM **Walk to the Boston Duck Tours**

A beautiful walk through the city—be sure to wear comfortable shoes!

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Boston Duck Tours**

Prudential Center Pick-Up – 53 Huntington Avenue / Across from Marriott Copley

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM **Walk back to Emerson College**

10:00 PM **Campus Check-In and Curfew**

Check in on the 7th floor by 10 PM!

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FRIDAY, JULY 25 "I can and I will. Watch me."

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM **Breakfast**

BORDY AUDITORIUM

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM **W2W Morning Briefing**
W2W Alumna Virtual Visit

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **Featured Speaker: Todd Patkin, Happiness Thought Leader**

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM **Action Plan Development and Preparation**

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM **Unlocking your Superpowers and Building Social Capital**

Emily Weiner, Founder and CEO, The Connectors

We are as unique as our fingerprints and have different contributions to make in this world. How can you harness your specific skills and talents to bring your action plan to life? Can you communicate your idea in a compelling way so others will want to help you? In this session, we'll unlock your unique strengths, identify what else you need to accomplish your goals, learn ways to expand your network, and discover why creating change is a team sport!

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM **Lunch**

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM **Travel to Microsoft New England Research and Development Center**

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM **AI & Us: Harnessing Technology for Authentic Leadership and Impact**

Erin McHugh Saif, Chief Product Officer, Tech for Social Impact, Microsoft

Strategy, Innovation and Impact at Microsoft – Panel Discussion

Erin McHugh Saif, Chief of Industry Technology and Strategy for Microsoft Elevate

Christina Macchiarola, Global Events and Experiences Lead for Microsoft Elevate

Iris Yuning Ye, Product Manager, Microsoft InTune

Sam Coleman, Software Engineer, Microsoft Copilot extensibility

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM **Travel back to Emerson College**

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM **Dinner**

7:45 PM **Friday Night Flicks!** Bring your blanket and enjoy the show!
At the end of the movie, meet your team captains at the designated meeting area.

10:00 PM **Campus Check-In and Curfew** Check in with the W2W staff on the 7th floor.

SATURDAY, JULY 26 "You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM **Breakfast**

BORDY AUDITORIUM

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM **W2W Morning Briefing**
W2W Alumna Virtual Visit

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM **Augmented Intelligence – Past, Present and Future**
John Rendon, President and CEO, The Rendon Group, Inc.

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM **BREAK**

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- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Featured Speaker: Sonia Tita Puopolo**, *Co Founder & CEO, WELLNESS WORLD USA®*, *Co-Founder & Creator, SELFCARESQUARED® (Generative AI Coach & Confidant – Digital Health & Wellness)*, *Host & Producer, TITA TALKS™ Podcast*, *Author, Public Speaker, Professor*
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Action Plan Development and Lunch**
- 1:15 PM – 1:30 PM **Travel to Tea Party Museum**
- 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Tea Party Museum Tour**
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Faneuil Hall**
- 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM **Travel to Emerson College**
- 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Free Time – Dinner**

BORDY AUDITORIUM

- 7:15 PM – 9:30 PM **Cultural Presentations, Bordy Auditorium**
Tonight's Presentations: **Belgium, The Netherlands, Egypt, Poland, Czech Republic, Vietnam, and Afghanistan**
- 10:00 PM **Campus Check-In and Curfew**
You know how this works by now...check in on the 7th floor before you head to bed!

SUNDAY, JULY 27 "Change the World by Being Yourself"

- 7:00 AM – 8:45 AM **Breakfast / Free Time**

BORDY AUDITORIUM

- 9:00 AM **"We Are Ayenda" Special Film Presentation**
- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Featured Speaker: Attorney Laura Golakeh**, *Deputy Minister for Gender, Liberia*
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Organizing for Change**
Jess Laverty, Principal, Cod and Cranberry Consulting, Political and Community Organizer
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Lunch**
- 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM **Travel to Rockport, MA**
- 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM **Tour Rockport!** Enjoy all that Rockport, MA has to offer! From the seaside shops to exploring the area, you are sure to fall in love with this beautiful place!
- 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM **Travel back to Emerson College**
- 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Dinner**
- 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM **Cultural Presentations, Bordy Auditorium**
Tonight's Presentations: **United States, Kazakhstan**
- 9:15 PM **Self-Care: Glow Up and Wind Down (Optional)**
Colonial Dorm Building, 7th Floor Lounge Area
- 10:00 PM **Campus Check-In and Curfew**
Check in on the 7th floor before you head to bed!

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MONDAY, JULY 28 "She remembered who she was and the game changed."

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM **Breakfast**

BORDY AUDITORIUM

9:00 AM **W2W Morning Briefing**
W2W Alumna Virtual Visit

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM **Team Meetings**

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Women Leading Change, Tomorrow's Women TODAY**

This moderated discussion will highlight the success of women who are making noticeable advances in their chosen fields. Women Leading Change will focus on what women are capable of achieving when they use their passion, support system, skills and ambition to reach their goals. Following the moderated discussion, we will break out into small groups to provide our participants the space to ask more in-depth questions about women in the workplace.

Facilitator: Maya Tobin Grevatt, Director of Operations, Artists For Humanity

Panelists:

Adriana Solimine, Director, Global Head of Communications, Pharmaceutical Operations & Technology, Biogen

Chantha Carter, Development & Strategy Director, RIA, Inc.

Jackney Joseph, Managing Director of External Affairs at Boston Debate League

Naeemah Elias, Founder, Elias Presence Ventures

Lara Tavares, Director of Early College and Community Partnerships, Franklin Cummings Tech

Kara Falcone, State Director, Best Buddies International

Mentors:

Kelly Golden, PhD, Senior Manager, Strategic Enablement, Global A&A Learning (Deloitte)

Jessica Bowers, Talent & Employee Engagement, Retail Expansion & Transformation

Michaela Boyd, Executive Assistant, The Castle Group

Farida Kathawalla, Global Advisor, Dasra, Nonprofit Consultant

Celia Richa, Vice President, Corporate Initiatives, Suffolk Construction

Danielle Vardaro, Executive Director, Head of Travel Innovation, Teague

LION'S DEN

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Networking Lunch — Continue the Conversation with Tomorrow's Women TODAY!**

Get lunch in the dining hall and take it up the stairs to the Lion's Den for a networking lunch.

BORDY AUDITORIUM

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM **Battling the Imposter Syndrome!**

Keri Thompson, Senior Lecturer, Emerson College

Imposter Syndrome is a feeling that the majority of people experience at some point in their lives. This is especially common with women and girls across the world. This workshop tackles the notions of Imposter Phenomenon and Imposter Syndrome and deals with ways to address these feelings. The goal of this session is to help the delegates to understand more about this occurrence and provide them with practical skills and strategies to combat it.

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3:00 PM – 3:30 PM **Travel to Harvard University**

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM **Explore Harvard Square**

Enjoy Harvard Square, but keep an eye on the time! Do not be late for the Mason Fellows. Plan to *meet your team captains at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University by 4:45 PM.*

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Meet the Mason Fellows, Harvard Kennedy School, NYE, ABC**

The Mid-Career Master's in Public Administration Edward S. Mason Program (Mason Program) is the Harvard Kennedy School's flagship international program. Each year, 75 to 80 demonstrated leaders from developing, newly industrialized and transitional economy countries participate in this intensive one-year master's degree program designed to prepare them to address the world's most compelling development challenges. The emphasis of the program is on developing the broad range of analytical and leadership skills required to initiate and implement major political, social or economic change.

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Dinner and Free Time in Harvard Square!**

Explore the area and grab dinner—buses leave at 9:00 PM to travel back to dorm.

9:00 PM – 9:30 PM **Travel back to Emerson College**

10:00 PM **Campus Check-In and Curfew**

TUESDAY, JULY 29 “Look mom! I am taking charge!”

7:00 AM – 8:45 AM **Breakfast**

BORDY AUDITORIUM

9:00 AM **W2W Morning Briefing
W2W Alumna Virtual Visit**

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM **Take Charge of Your Finances**

James Geraghty, Managing Director, Morgan Stanley, Private Wealth Management

- Financial independence on a budget
- Basic steps in saving and investing
- Importance of good credit

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM BREAK

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Travel to Babson College**

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Introduction to Babson's Methodology Entrepreneurial Thought & Action®**

Cheryl Kiser, Executive Fellow in Social Innovation, Founding Executive Director, The Institute for Social Innovation, The Arthur M. Blank School for Entrepreneurial Leadership

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM **Lunch**

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **The Value of Resilience**

Natalie Joseph, Associate Director, Innovative Learner Campus Programs, Frank & Eileen™ Center for Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership (F&E CWEL), Babson College

Sarah Grillo, Associate Director of Global Research, Babson College

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- 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM **Leading with Purpose: A Conversation with Dr. Shakenna Williams**, *Executive Director of the Frank & Eileen™ Center for Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership, Babson College*
- 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM **Admissions & Campus Self-Guided Tour**
- 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM **Travel back to Emerson College**
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM **Dinner**
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Cultural Presentations!** *Bordy Auditorium*
Tonight's Presentations: **Bosnia, Chad, Morocco**
- 8:30 PM **Team Meetings / Action Plan Development & Preparation**
- 10:00 PM **Campus Check-In and Curfew**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 "It's your turn to change the world."

- 7:00 AM – 8:45 AM **Breakfast**

BORDY AUDITORIUM

- 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM **W2W Morning Briefing**
W2W Alumna Virtual Visit
- 9:15 AM – 9:30 AM **The Honourable Bernadette Jordan**, *Consul General of Canada in Boston, United States*
- 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM **The Basics of Public Speaking**
Deion Hawkins, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor, Argumentation and Advocacy; Director, Forensics, Emerson College*
Understanding how to captivate an audience and educate them about the issues you care about is critical to your success. This workshop will help you build the skills and confidence needed to address any audience.
- 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM **Early Lunch**
- 12:30 PM **Gather in your teams!**
- 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM **Walk to the Omni Parker House**
- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Women2Women Action Plan Presentations**, *Omni Parker House*
Delegates will present their action plans to a panel of local leaders. Presentations will be five minutes in length. Panelists will offer feedback based on the presentations and knowledge of the issues.
- 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Walk back to Emerson College**
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Free Time**
- 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM **Dinner and Final Night Party!** *Bordy Auditorium*
- 10:00 PM **Campus Check-In and Curfew**

W2W2025 Program Schedule

THURSDAY, JULY 31 "Every ending has a new beginning."

Empower Peace staff members will provide delegates with the airport travel schedule. Delegates must check out of the rooms by 10 AM and return dorm keys prior to departure. Bags will be stored at Emerson College until your departure time. **There will be a \$100 USD charge for lost suite keys and \$100 USD charge for lost key cards. All rooms must be left clean, trash must be picked up or there will be a cleaning fee.**

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Breakfast**

5:00 AM – 10:00 PM **Travel to Logan Airport for Departure**

Please check the airport schedule for your travel time. International travelers should depart Emerson College for the airport 4 hours prior to your departure time. Domestic travelers should depart Emerson College 3 hours prior to departure time.

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM **Lunch**

4:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Dinner**