Over 100 undergraduate UMass students applied to be 2019 UMass Women into Leadership fellows (UWiL), and twenty-five undergraduate students were accepted in November. The fellows come from seventeen different majors and all class years.

Congratulations to the following nineteen Commonwealth Honors College students chosen as UWiL fellows:

- Victoria Abramchuck; economics and legal studies
- Megan Alberto; political science and Portuguese
- Mabrouka Boukraa; history
- Kekely Dansouh; political science
- Elizabeth Donoghue; political science, journalism, and women, gender & sexuality studies
- Rachel Ellis; political science
- Emily Ishak; biochemistry & molecular biology and comparative literature
- Sifa Kasongo; political science and journalism
- Carys Lamberg; political science and BDIC
- Reilly Lee; political science and economics
- Sarah Lee; political science
- Shannon McCann; political science, pre-medical
- Faith McGuire; psychology, pre-medical
- Esther Oh; biochemistry & molecular biology, pre-medical
- Rebecca Piscia; public health sciences
- Fraha Sabir; political science
- Shannon Silva; biology
- Deepika Singh; political science
- Kristal Yee; political science and legal studies

UWiL is a competitive leadership training and professional development program that introduces students to public leaders and provides opportunities to observe the benefits of public service. It aims to address the gender gap in politics and create a pipeline from public education into public service. Fellows receive one-on-one mentoring from professionals in the public sector, leadership development workshops and seminars, and targeted professional support.

Upon completion of the program, fellows are eligible for scholarships to support unpaid or low-paying internships in the public sector. Funding comes largely from alumni donations, and many graduates of this program go on to graduate programs or work for local and state governments, nonprofits, and NGOs.

For a complete listing of the 2019 UMass Women into Leadership fellows, click here.