Go. Run. Lead. A Training for Women Interested in Elected Politics

What is it?

A series of three seminars for women and gender non-binary students and staff interested in either running for elected office or making a career in campaign politics. The three seminars are: (1) how to run for office and manage a political campaign; (2) how to ‘get stuff done’ in elected office; and (3) managing expectations and navigating gendered dynamics on the campaign trail and in office.

How Much Does It Cost?

Nothing – it is free!

Why?

Women are massively underrepresented in political leadership around the world – they constitute less than a quarter of the world’s parliamentarians. While the UK is slightly above the world average - women are 34% in the House of Commons and 28% in the House of Lords – they are underrepresented relative to their share of the population! Research shows that women who run for office worry about getting started and finding time, navigating gendered expectations, and being successful on the campaign trail. There are considerable and growing resources for women candidates and potential candidates – they can benefit from research into best practices, learn from organisations that promote women candidates, and build networks of women interested in seeking public office. This programme accomplishes those goals, helping women to run and build their networks.

How?

Fill out our short application form. It should not take more than ten minutes – we’re asking you to tell us a little bit about your interests in the programme. Applications are due January 31, 2024 by the close of business. By February 6, 2024, you will hear whether you’ve been chosen to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact gender@rhul.ac.uk.

When?

Application Deadline: January 31, 5pm
Acceptance Notification: February 6, 5pm
Seminars (attendance required at all three): March 6, March 13, and March 20, 3pm-5pm