

TO: AFP (Aspire Fellows Program) Students  
FROM: AFP Committee  
DATE: August 2017  
RE: Dress Guide for AFP Events

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As you make plans to return to campus, consider your wardrobe choices for AFP events. Dressing business professionally for career-related events that include your Directed Work Experience partners, and dressing business casually for any event that may include guests, will help you make the strongest impression.

### **Business Professional for events that include DWE partners**

- Suit in conservative color (black, navy or gray) or suit-like jacket and dress
- Slacks/skirt acceptable if you don't own a suit; suit dress/skirt hemlines should be within 3 inches of the knee when sitting
- Dress shirt (pressed and tucked in for men, modest neckline for women)
- For men, belt (that matches color of shoes) and tie (best to match width of jacket lapel; pocket squares or bow ties are fine if you have the personality for them)
- Shoes (dress shoes with moderate heels that give you a natural gait; no flip flops, tennis shoes or stilettos); men should wear socks
- For women, a conservative bag
- Grooming (clean and conservative, no strong fragrances); jewelry minimal (nothing large or distracting; a "signature" or "pop" piece is fine, but limit it to one at a time)

### **Business Casual for events that may include guests**

- Jacket/blazer, preferred (if you have 3 buttons, the rule is "sometimes, always, never"; if you have 2 the rule is "always, never")
- Dress or polo shirt (pressed and tucked in for men, modest neckline for women)
- Dress slacks (nice khakis okay; no jeans) or skirts for women (within 3 inches of the knee when sitting)
- For men, belt (that matches color of shoes) and tie (best to match width of jacket lapel; pocket squares or bow ties are fine if you have the personality for them).
- Shoes (loafers or dress shoes with moderate heels that give you a natural gait; no flip flops, tennis shoes or stilettos)
- For women, a conservative bag
- Grooming (clean and conservative, no strong fragrances); jewelry minimal (nothing large or distracting; a "signature" or "pop" piece is fine, but limit it to one at a time)