

C. Nicole Mason, PhD

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C. Nicole Mason, PhD Short Bio:

Recognized by [Fortune Magazine as one of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders](#), Dr. C. Nicole Mason is the Founding President of Future Forward Women, a legislative exchange and policy network committed to building women's political, economic, and social power and influence in the U.S. and globally.

C. Nicole Mason Medium Length Bio:

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Before Future Forward, she served as the President/CEO of the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) and the Women of Color Policy Network at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, the nation's only research and policy center focused on women of color at a nationally ranked school of public administration. Dr. Mason was also the youngest person and woman of color to lead IWPR - one of the major inside-the-Beltway think tanks in Washington, D.C.

At the start of the pandemic, [she coined the term she-cession](#) to describe the disproportionate impact of employment and income losses on women. Dr. Mason is the author of [Born Bright: A Young Girl's Journey from Nothing to Something in America \(St. Martin's Press\)](#) and has written hundreds of articles on women, poverty, and economic security. Her writing and commentary have been featured in the [New York Times](#), [MSNBC](#), [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [CBS](#), the [Washington Post](#), [Marie Claire](#), the [Progressive](#), [ESSENCE](#), [Bustle](#), [BIG THINK](#), Miami Herald, [Democracy Now](#), and numerous NPR affiliates, among others.

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C. Nicole Mason, **Long Bio**:

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Nicole was named one of [Glamour Magazine's 100 Influential Women Leaders](#) and [Washingtonian Magazine's 500 Most Influential People](#) in Washington, DC. She also won the highly competitive New Executive Award from the Open Society Foundations and was honored as a [Thrive leader by the Kresge Foundation](#). Additionally, she is an inaugural [Ascend Fellow at the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C.](#)

Nicole delivered a dynamic and well-received [TED Talk](#) on The Gift of Being Difficult and the Power of Disruption.

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For the past two decades, Dr. Mason has spearheaded research on issues related to economic security, pay equity, poverty, women's issues, entitlement reforms, policy formation and political participation among women and communities of color, and racial equity.

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