Federal Fellows: A pipeline to careers in public service and graduate study

Federal Fellows is a selective, year-long program designed to encourage and enable talented and diverse University of Maryland students to pursue careers in public service.

Capitalizing on the university's location near the nation's capital, Federal Fellows combines fall academic seminars with spring internships in federal agencies and federally-related organizations.

The Federal Fellows Program welcomes students from all academic majors, from engineering to government and politics. Student language skills typically include Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Nepali, Spanish, Thai, and Urdu.

To date, we have over 800 alumni, many of whom continue to be involved in the program as mentors.

Fall Seminars
All students enroll in one of the Federal Fellows courses led by instructors with subject expertise and real-world federal experience.

The program offers Fall seminars in the following topics:
- Energy and Environment Policy
- Health Policy
- Homeland Security Policy

Senior staff speak to Health Policy cohort at DHHS

Federal Activities
To integrate classroom learning and real-world experiences, the Federal Fellows Program offers professional development workshops, organizes agency site visits and briefings, and links students with events sponsored by partner agencies and organizations.

Spring Internships for College Credit
Our students earn college credit for their internships, which typically average 20 hours per week. Most of our students' internships are done on a volunteer basis.

Student Testimonials
"The Federal Fellows Program has been a wonderful experience and has really helped propel my academic experience and career to a new level. This program is very different than any other one available at the University of Maryland. I think what set it apart was its ability to truly inspire me."

"Through Federal Fellows, I have expanded my network, broadened my intellectual horizons, and developed the skills necessary to thrive in my career."

"It's one of the best run programs at this university, giving its students practical knowledge and experience, while maintaining the highest level of professionalism. The contacts I've made in my time in the program are priceless, making this program a huge step in the right career direction."
The majority of our students serve as interns and student volunteers in federal agencies, and the rest on Capitol Hill and in non-governmental organizations. Student internship sites have included:

**Federal Agencies**
- Commission on Civil Rights
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health & Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice
- Department of State
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Aviation Administration
- National Archives
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Institutes of Health
- United States Census Bureau
- White House

**Capitol Hill**
- Congressional Offices and Committees
- Congressional Research Service

**Non-Governmental Organizations**
- Center for the Study of the Presidency
- Children’s Defense Fund
- Foundation for Middle East Peace
- Genetic Alliance
- Helios Global

The Federal Fellows Program is actively developing both formal and informal relationships and agreements with federal agencies and other organizations.

If you are interested in developing a relationship with the program, please contact the director, Dr. Joan Burton at jburton1@umd.edu.

This program empowers Maryland students and provides a pipeline to public service and professional careers.

"We bring students into direct contact with professionals in the field and the students see that there are great opportunities to effect change and find extraordinarily meaningful work through public service, especially in the federal government."

-Dr. Joan Burton, Director, Federal Fellows Program

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Global Fellows in Washington, DC is an innovative internship program designed to equip University of Maryland undergraduate students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become leaders in a global world. The program offers an integrated combination of classroom and professional experiences designed to provide a deep understanding of global policy and leadership and the ways in which they are developed, influenced and carried out.

The program is, in a sense, a study abroad experience right here in Washington, DC. The University of Maryland is ideally suited for such a program, given our proximity to the nation’s capital and our faculty and administrators’ connections to global change-makers.

Global Fellows’ diverse students encompass a broad range of academic majors, from engineering to government and politics, piano performance, etc. Students typically represent 31 majors, 13 minors, and 10 colleges. They are fluent or proficient in over 18 different languages including Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Hebrew, Italian, Korean, Spanish, and Turkish.

Program Outline

Fall Seminars
All students enroll in a Fall course led by instructors with real-world global experience and subject expertise.

The program offers courses in the following topics:
- Responses to Global Challenges
- Science Diplomacy
- Critical Regions and International Relations
- U.S. Diplomacy and Policymaking

Global Activities
To integrate classroom learning and real-world experiences, the Global Fellows Program offers professional development workshops, coordinates site visits and briefings, and links students with events sponsored by partner organizations.

Spring Internships for College Credit
Our talented and diverse students earn college credit for their internships, which average 20 hours per week. Most of these internships are done on a volunteer basis.

Student Testimonials

“I would recommend the Global Fellows program without hesitation because of the assistance and support that the program has given me throughout the year and all that I have learned about diplomacy and working for the government. My course, my professors and the entire program staff helped in making my senior year special and solidifying my passion for public service.”

“The Global Fellows experience was very eye-opening, and I look forward to searching for future career opportunities armed with the professional skills that Global Fellows has helped me gain.”

“Global Fellows has really expanded my horizons when it comes to opportunities. I enjoy the networking aspect, especially hearing from alumni about where they are today. In the past, I was insecure about how to present myself, my skills, and past experiences; however, this feeling has definitely changed thanks to the Global Fellows program.”
In the spring semester, students intern at organizations such as:

**Foreign Embassies**
Including the Embassies of Bangladesh, Brazil, Spain, United Kingdom, Indonesia, Canada, Israel, and the Consulate of Peru

**Nongovernmental Organizations**
- American Foreign Service Association
- Foundation for Defense of Democracies
- International Child Art Foundation
- Middle East Institute
- ONE Campaign
- Potomac Institute for Policy Studies
- The Brookings Institution
- National Rural Health Association
- Millennium Challenge Corporation
- Organization of American States
- Search for Common Ground
- The Peace Corps

**Government Offices**
- Census, Foreign Trade Division
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of State
- Department of Treasury
- Federal Aviation Administration
- U.S. Helsinki Commission/Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
- White House, Office of Science and Technology Policy
- U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

**Private Organizations**
- Aerospace Industries Association

The Global Fellows Program is actively developing formal and informal relationships and agreements with international organizations, foreign embassies, government offices, and related organizations.

Modeled after the tremendously successful Federa Fellows Program, Global Fellows empowers Maryland students, provides a pipeline to professional careers, and increases student involvement and access to opportunities in the global arena.

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