

CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS ON WOMEN & PUBLIC POLICY

APPLY NOW for
JANUARY–AUGUST 2017

WHY A WOMEN'S POLICY FELLOWSHIP? The Fellowships are designed to train potential leaders in public policy formation to examine issues from the perspective, experiences, and needs of women. Administered by WPI, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization located in Washington, DC, this program is unique—the only fellowship program on Capitol Hill directly by, for, and about women.

WHAT DOES A FELLOW DO? Fellows work 40 hours each week in a congressional office as a legislative aide on policy issues affecting women. Fellows meet weekly for issue seminars directed by the WPI staff. Orientation for the Class of 2017 will begin in January 2017; office placement starts at the end of that month. The program runs until the end of August 2017.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Students who are currently enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited institution in the United States *or* who have completed such a program within the past 18 months are eligible. Only U.S. citizens will be considered. WPI ***strongly recommends*** that applicants complete ***at least nine hours of graduate coursework before applying*** and display serious interest in research and policymaking relevant to women's issues.

WHAT ARE THE SELECTION CRITERIA? Fellows are selected on the basis of academic competence as well as demonstrated interest in the public policy process. They must be articulate and adaptable and have strong writing skills. Fellows may come from virtually any field. WPI promotes equal opportunity in its fellowship program and welcomes qualified applicants of any age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, experience, and academic field.

WHAT IS THE AWARD? Fellows will receive a stipend of \$1,500 gross per month for eight months (January–August). An additional sum of \$500 is provided for the purchase of health insurance. WPI will also reimburse up to \$1,500 (\$750 per semester) for the cost of three hours tuition at a Fellow's home institution. Fellows are responsible for transportation to and from Washington, and for finding their own living arrangements.

Between four and six Fellowships will be available, depending on funding. The five 2016 Fellowships were made possible by grants from Amgen, The Kahn Education Foundation, and The Newcomb Institute of Tulane University.

HOW TO APPLY: Materials may be downloaded from WPI's [website](#). Candidates may submit applications by mail to the Congressional Fellowship Program, Women's Policy, Inc., 409 12th Street, SW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024, or by e-mail to webmaster@womenspolicy.org.

Faxed applications will **not** be accepted.

The application and supporting materials must be received at WPI no later than ***June 1, 2016***.

CLASS OF 2016 FELLOWS



Samaura Stone, Karis Joi Johnson, Aly Neel, Liz Wagner, and Bhakthi Sahgal are mastering public policymaking on Capitol Hill.