

2020 Maryland Legislative Fellows Program

About the Program

The Graduate Legislative Fellows Program offers top students in Maryland graduate programs an immersive experience in the legislative process working alongside nonpartisan staff within the Department of Legislative Services (DLS), the professional staff agency for the Maryland General Assembly (MGA). Fellows will work during the General Assembly's annual 90-day legislative session (Jan – April) and assist legal, fiscal and committee staff with their regular session duties. As a Fellow, you will work directly with policy analysts to help identify and analyze public policy issues and formulate legislative proposals. Your work may include written legal memoranda, fiscal analyses, periodic publications, and briefings to legislative committees. A \$2,500 stipend is included.

Program Description

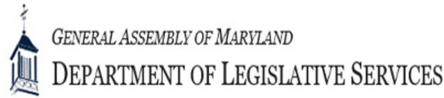
The Fellows Program is specifically designed for graduate students at Maryland institutions offering master's degrees in public policy. In addition, graduate students may apply if in a related course of study or pursuing a major relevant to public policy including but not limited to economics, environmental studies, education, public health and various other quantitative, policy or legal studies. The program is managed by the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) and DLS, and accepts graduate level students from **Bowie State University, University of Maryland Baltimore County, University of Maryland-College Park, and University of Baltimore.**

The fellowship runs from November 1 to the end of the legislative session in Mid-April. Fellows begin their tenure with an orientation period to prepare for their duties during the legislative session. **Fellows must be available to work in Annapolis for a minimum of 20 hrs. per week.**

Work Assignments and Duties

Fellows will be assigned to work alongside staff within leadership offices, legislative standing committees, and the Office of Policy Analysis. While specific work duties vary depending on the specific job assignment, fellows may be involved in legal, fiscal and policy research and analysis as well producing publication content. All work functions require strong writing and analytical

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skills. For a detailed description of each function, see the “Office of Policy Analysis” section on the department organization page of the [DLS website](#).

Who Should Apply

Graduate students with a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in legislative / public policy work should consider the legislative fellowship. A graduate in good standing from the schools specified above may apply during the application period. A G.P.A. of 3.0 is required.

Application Process

Interested master’s level graduate students should apply by sending a resume, a writing sample, and cover letter, (include your expected graduation date and a description of your writing sample) to the email or address below. In your cover letter, please briefly discuss your interest and/or background in public policy work. **The application deadline is September 18, 2020.** Interviews and selection of candidates are scheduled to be completed by mid-October. Program orientation will begin early November.

Send Application Packets to:

Myriam Ralston, myriam@umbc.edu

Direct questions to:

Dr. Nancy Miller, nanmille@umbc.edu, and
Myriam Ralston, myriam@umbc.edu

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