

FELLOWS PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

Spring 2018

The Fellows Program is the flagship program of the [Georgetown Institute of Politics and Public Service](#). Each semester, the Fellows Program connects students with political leaders to learn from one another and tackle some of the biggest political challenges of the day. Each semester, some of the top names in politics, government, and media will go back to school, leading weekly discussion groups open to the entire university community on a hot topic, holding office hours, mentoring students, participating in GU Politics programming, and speaking to a variety of campus groups. Being a GU Politics Fellow is a tremendous opportunity to engage with the next generation of political leaders, explore the political issues of the day, and collaborate with young people to figure out how to improve the way we all do politics.

What is expected of Fellows:

- 1. Orientation and Open House.** Fellows are expected to participate in a two-day orientation to go over logistical and programmatic details, as well as to begin interacting with the Georgetown campus community. The orientation period will culminate with an Open House where students can meet the Fellows and hear from each about their discussion groups.
- 2. Discussion Groups.** This is the core of the Fellows program. Each Fellow will run a weekly, 90-minute discussion (*for eight weeks*) on a theme of his/her choice. The discussions are open to the entire university community, off the record, and designed to engage students in a discussion on a topic related to the mission of the Institute.
- 3. Office Hours.** Fellows are required to hold four hours of office hours per week, for students to come in and interact one-on-one. Ideally they would be split up over two days and Fellows are welcome to hold more than four hours.
- 4. Weekly Meeting (and Mentoring) with Student Strategy Team.** Each Fellow will be assigned a group of five students to be their team for the semester. The Student Strategy Teams will assist Fellows with research for Discussion Groups, outreach to the campus community to help build attendance for the sessions, and increase Fellows' exposure across campus. Additionally, at the beginning of each semester, each team of students will be asked to identify one problem with how politics is practiced, and spend the semester coming up with a solution. (A sort of incubator for political thought, or political

“hackathon” of sorts.) Fellows are expected to meet at least weekly with their team (in a casual setting) and serve as mentors.

5. Fellows’ Lunches/Dinners. Two to three times during the semester, Fellows will come together for an intimate lunch or dinner with a special guest from the Georgetown community (the university president, heads of departments, other institutional leaders) for informal discussions on issues of interest.

6. Advisory Board Meeting & Fellows Farewell. The Institute’s Advisory Board meets once a semester, and Fellows are expected to attend those meetings and share their experiences with the members. We will also hold an end of term farewell, where Student Strategy Teams will present their final projects and bid farewell to their Fellows.

7. Participation in Institute Programming. The Institute hosts numerous events throughout the semester, from speeches to panels to conferences. We’d like our Fellows to headline at least one event, whether as featured speakers, moderators, or in other ways. We also welcome Fellows’ suggestions on speakers and help bringing them to campus. Fellows should speak with the GU Politics team regarding programming ideas before extending any invitations.

8. McCourt School-Specific Engagement. Each Fellow will engage in a McCourt School-specific activity — as a featured guest at a student-led happy hour, a brown bag session with McCourt public policy graduate students, or a guest speaker in a policy class, etc. The goal is to provide the McCourt School community with some exclusive access.

9. Fellows Socials. From time to time, we’ll bring Fellows and the GU Politics team together for informal happy hours, dinners, activities (Hoyas basketball, maybe?) We call this GU Politics family time, where Fellows and the GU Politics staff can get together off-hours to share experiences and get to know each other better. At least one of these socials will include time with student leaders, including the Student Advisory Board—the backbone of our Institute.

10. Availability to the rest of the Georgetown community. We expect Fellows will be in high demand with other programs and student groups across campus, including requests from professors to be guest speakers in their classes. While accepting these requests is entirely at each Fellow’s discretion, we do hope Fellows will become a resource for the entire community. Fellows should inform the GU Politics team about any invitations.

11. Ambassador for the Institute. We hope Fellows will be actively promoting the Institute not just on campus, but in the rest of their activities. Fellows will be some of the most persuasive ambassadors in our efforts to become the hub for all discussions about applied politics in the nation’s capitol.

12. Communication. Once the semester is underway, Fellows and the Student Strategy Teams that support them will become incredibly busy. Keeping close and regular communication with the GU Politics team (about discussion groups and any changes to the topics or guest speakers; or special

opportunities that Fellows may want to provide to their Student Strategy Teams) will be critical in coordinating and maximizing our efforts. We ask that the GU Politics team know in advance of any plans Fellows may set for their discussion groups and/or Students Strategy Teams. We want to promote our Fellows as much as possible, so keep us informed of any activities—both on and off campus!

What you can expect from us:

- **Stipend.** Fellows will receive a stipend for participating in the program.
- **Office space.** Fellows will be given space in the GU Politics suite to conduct personal business and meet with students. Space will include a computer and phone for your use.
- **Access to university resources.** Fellows have access to university resources, such as the state of the art media center on campus for any remote media appearances. Additionally, our communications team will assist in pitching and booking you for media appearances if you are interested.
- **Auditing classes.** As a Fellow, you are able to audit any class at the McCourt School of Public Policy.