FELLOWS PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS
SPRING 2016

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 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 at a consistent time each week, 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 team of five students to be their team for the semester. The Student Strategy Teams will assist Fellows with research for Discussion Groups, with 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.** Three times during the semester, Fellows will come together for an intimate lunch or dinner with a special guest from the Georgetown community (Deans of various schools, professors, heads of Institutes, etc.) for informal discussions on issues of interest.

6. **Advisory Board Meeting & Fellows Farewell.** The GUPolitics Advisory Board meets once a semester, and Fellows are expected to attend those meetings and share their experiences with the members. That same day, we will hold an end of term farewell, whether Student Strategy Teams will present their final projects and bid farewell to their Fellows.

7. **Participation in Institute Programming.** GUPolitics hosts numerous events throughout the semester, from speeches to panels to conferences. We’d like our Fellows to headline at least one event when they can, whether as featured speakers, moderators, or in other ways. We also welcome Fellows’ suggestions on speakers and help bringing them to campus.
8. **Availability to the rest of the Georgetown community.** We expect Fellows will be in high demand with other programs and student groups across campus. While accepting these requests is entirely at each Fellow’s discretion, we do hope Fellows will become a resource for the entire community.

9. **Ambassador for the Institute.** We hope Fellows will be actively promoting GUPolitics 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.

10. **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 GUPolitics 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 GUPolitics team know in advance of any plans Fellows may set for their discussion groups and/or Student Strategy Teams.