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CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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Applicants must apply by [Tuesday, December 3, 2019](#).

The American Political Science Association (APSA) [Congressional Fellowship Program](#) is currently [accepting online applications](#) for [APSA-MCI Communications](#) Congressional Fellowships for scholars and journalists with a professional interest in telecommunications. The nine-month program in Washington, D.C., gives scholars and journalists a hands-on understanding of Congress through placements in congressional offices.

Fellows begin their fellowship year with a comprehensive one-month orientation with congressional experts and policy leaders. Fellows then work in full-time placements of their choosing in a personal office or committee in the House of Representatives or Senate.

The fellowship year also features:

- winter and spring seminar series on Congress;
- visit to the district or state of a Member of Congress;
- optional study programs in Annapolis, Maryland, and Ottawa, Canada; and
- ongoing guidance and mentoring from program staff and alumni.

Applications are welcome from early or mid-career print and broadcast journalists (including online journalists) and scholars in all disciplines and fields who have a professional interest in telecommunications and the policymaking process.

[Apply Now!](#)

"You learn things you don't expect to learn and you walk away with a new skill set and amazing contacts." - Former Congressional Fellow

THE FELLOWSHIP YEAR

Orientation begins November 2020. Office placements run until August 15, 2021. Two optional programs directly precede the main fellowship program: a two-month course on Congress and Foreign Policy, taught at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and a fellowship through the William A. Steiger Fund to spend up to two months at the APSA Centennial Center carrying out a project in legislative studies.

QUALIFICATIONS

Scholars will have completed a PhD in the last 15 years or will have defended a dissertation by November 2020. Journalists will have a bachelor's degree plus 2–10 years of professional experience in print or broadcast journalism (including online journalism).

Applicants without U.S. citizenship or permanent residency understand that if selected, they must have appropriate visa or other immigration authorization under U.S. law that would permit full participation in the fellowship year. APSA is unable to sponsor visas or provide assistance in obtaining visas or other authorization documents.

STIPEND

\$52,500 for the 9.5-month fellowship period, plus a travel allowance. Fellows who are also selected for a fellowship through the Steiger Fund will receive a stipend for the duration of the Steiger Fellowship.

SELECTION

Preference is given to candidates with a background in political reporting but without extensive Washington experience.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be [submitted online](#) and include:

- a detailed resume or CV;
- a 500-word personal statement explaining how the Congressional Fellowship relates to your professional goals;
- the names and contact information for three professional references who have agreed to write letters of recommendation;
- one published or unpublished writing sample, broadcasting clip or script.

Applicants may apply through the same online form for the two optional pre-fellowship programs.

Submit your application for the 2020–2021 fellowship year by **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**. Please send questions about the program to cfp@apsanet.org or click [here](#) to learn more about APSA Congressional Fellowship Program.

"I have gained a new perspective on Congress that will forever improve my teaching and research." - Former Congressional Fellow

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