

Maria Shriver

Office of the Governor

Public service has long been a tradition in my family. Arnold and I truly believe California's greatest natural resources are its people. And we each have talents and gifts that we can contribute to strengthening our remarkable state. Join me in making a commitment to public service. Through the Executive Fellowship Program, you will be challenged, you will be inspired, and you will have the amazing opportunity to work with California's best and brightest leaders.

Maria Shriver
First Lady of California



2008-2009 Executive Fellows

Who Can Apply?

Mid-career and recent graduates of all academic disciplines, backgrounds and levels of experience are encouraged to apply.

All applicants must:

- Be at least 20 years of age by September 1, 2010.
- Have a bachelor's degree by September 1, 2010.
- Be prepared for full-time employment, Monday through Friday, 8-5.
- Be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of the program. Applicants need not be California residents; however, preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate knowledge of and commitment to the state.

Important Dates

February 24, 2010Postmark deadline
 Early May 2010Finalist interviews*
 May 2010Candidates notified
 October 2010Fellowship begins
 August 2011Fellowship ends

* All interviews must be conducted in person.

For more information, contact:

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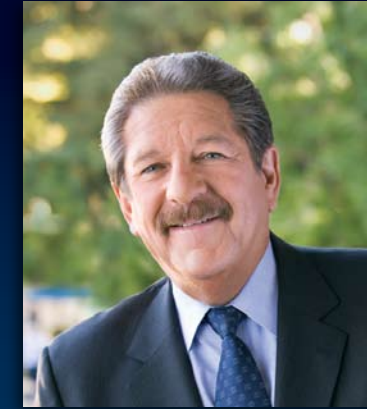
EXECUTIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

2010-2011



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

CENTER FOR CALIFORNIA STUDIES



Alexander Gonzalez

Welcome to Sacramento State

At no other time in its history has California been so squarely at the forefront of societal change and public policy demands. The list of challenges and opportunities for meaningful public policy decision-making is unprecedented.

The Executive Fellowship Program provides a hands-on approach to learning that truly solidifies the classroom experience. It is a tremendous opportunity for Fellows to gain insight and experience in state government.

Sacramento State, the Capital City's only comprehensive four-year university, is committed to providing students with the opportunity to pursue careers in public service, and we are proud to jointly sponsor the Executive Fellowship Program with the Office of the Governor.

We look forward to your participation.

Alexander Gonzalez
President

THE CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

is sponsored by the **Center for California Studies** at California State University, Sacramento and the Office of the Governor to provide an experiential learning opportunity in California state government. Fellows work full-time in high levels of the executive branch and meet weekly for graduate seminars. This program uniquely integrates work experiences with academic and professional development.

The Center for California Studies is a unit of Sacramento State devoted to strengthening democratic governance in California by preparing people for public service and leadership, helping to solve problems of public policy and enhancing civic literacy through multidisciplinary education.

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EXECUTIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Work Experience

Executive Fellows function as full-time professional staff at various levels of California's executive branch including offices of the governor, constitutional officers, cabinet secretaries, commissions and departments. Placement assignments are made based on a combination of the Fellow's interests, skills and preferences, and the mutual desirability between the Fellow and Mentor. The type of work assignments vary depending on the role of the office and the skills of the Fellow.

Academic Seminar

Fellows attend a weekly university graduate seminar and earn graduate units in Public Policy and Administration. Seminars provide an academic perspective on policy and administrative issues that are relevant to the public sector.

The Fellowship Experience

The fellowship experience begins with a comprehensive orientation to California state government, including briefings by the governor's staff, constitutional officers, legislative staff, academicians, and others. Fellows also have the opportunity to discuss public policy issues as a group and to get to know one another.

Unique to the executive branch experience is the inherent range of topics and levels of responsibilities. Because Fellows are placed in offices throughout the branch, they learn not only about state government from their individual experiences, but through the shared experiences of their colleagues.

"The Executive Fellowship Program was an extraordinary experience that far surpassed even my highest



expectations. I worked with California's top leaders. More than just an observer, I influenced local, state, and national policy. As an Executive Fellow, I not only developed legislation and budget, I implemented it, and saw how government policy affects real people every day. Most importantly, I developed lifelong friendships with the most dedicated, talented group of young professionals. Only through this program could someone so young be lucky enough to receive so much."

—Peter Barth, Assistant Secretary,
Program and Fiscal Affairs
Health and Human Services Agency
2007-2008 Executive Fellow
Placement: Health & Human Services Agency

Compensation & Benefits

California State University, Sacramento provides the Fellows with a unique position of having dual status as a Sacramento State employee and graduate student. This combined status offers a number of benefits.

- Monthly stipend of \$1972
- Health, dental and vision benefits
- Paid university enrollment and student fees
- Student loan deferment
- Earn graduate units in Public Policy and Administration
- Student and staff campus privileges

"The Executive Fellowship Program was a wonderful experience! As a Fellow, I was able to gain



valuable knowledge about California's educational system and its legislative process. I had mentors who were able to guide and teach me about politics in Sacramento and who provided me with the tools that I needed to be successful. I would recommend this program to anyone who has an interest in government and politics, specifically in California."

—Melissa Tanner, Legislative Advocate
California State Teachers' Retirement System
2002–2003 Executive Fellow
Placement: Superintendent of Public Instruction

Selection Criteria

The selection committee, comprised of university and executive branch representatives, selects the most qualified applicants for the program based on a written application and subsequent interview.

Committee members look for:

- Demonstrated commitment to California and public service
- Effective written and oral communication skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Characteristics for collaborative learning and problem-solving including flexibility, initiative, adaptability and maturity
- Academic and professional achievement
- Interest in and knowledge of California's executive branch

How to Apply

Applicants must submit by February 24, 2010:

- Completed on-line version of the application *
- College transcript(s)
- Personal and policy statement
- At least three original letters of recommendation

"I am forever grateful to the Executive Fellowship Program for preparing me for a career



in public service. The Fellowship provided me with the ultimate "backstage pass" to the inner-workings of state government, which allowed me to acquire professional skills that are unattainable inside of a classroom. Thanks to the Fellowship, I am a better citizen of the Golden State."

—Jerome La Torre, Analyst
Office of the State Treasurer
2006–2007 Executive Fellow
Placement: Office of the State Treasurer

"Break that mirror in front of you, that mirror that only lets you look at yourself. Break it so that you can look beyond. You'll see the rest of the world. You'll see people who need your help."

—Sargent Shriver

2008–2009 EXECUTIVE FELLOWS

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Charles Deyoe

Home: San Diego, CA
San Diego State
BA-History; San Diego State; MA-History
Placement: Cal Trans, Legislative Affairs

Nicholas Esquivel

Home: Fort Bragg, CA
San Jose State
BS-Criminal Justice
Placement: Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation

Jessica Kelly

Home: Huntington, NY
Boston College
BA-Elementary Education;
BA-Human Development
Placement: CalEPA

Kathryn Kliff

Home: Orange County, CA
Stanford
BA-Human Biology
Placement: Department of Education

Grant Lea

Home: Woodland, CA
Pepperdine
BA-Political Science
Placement: Office of the Governor, Cabinet Affairs

Jessica Mar

Home: Stony Brook, NY
Brown
BA-Public Policy; BA-Ethnic & Reg. Studies
Placement: Department of Finance

Lakenya McClough

Home: Vallejo, CA
Saint Mary's
BA-Communications
Tuoro University;
MPH-Health Studies
Placement: Department of General Services

Trevor Newman

Home: Woodland Hills, CA
Williams College
BA-History;
Placement: Office of the Governor, Appointments

Ariana Oliva-Gaytan

Home: Downey, CA
CSU Long Beach
BA-Psychology
Placement: Department of Food & Agriculture

Meredith Pressfield

Home: Menlo Park, CA
Pomona
BA-Politics
Placement: Office of the Governor, Legislative Affairs

Jesse Reyes

Home: Sun Valley, CA
UC Santa Barbara
BA-Law & Society
Placement: Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation

Eric Rodriguez

Home: Los Angeles, CA
Brown
BA-Intl Relations
Placement: Department of Social Services

Gelmy Ruiz

Home: San Mateo, CA
Saint Mary's
BS-Psychology;
CSU Hayward;
MPA-Public Admin.
Placement: California Conservation Corps

Melissa San Miguel

Home: San Francisco, CA
UC Berkeley
BA-Political Science
Placement: Department of Education

Thomas Sprankling

Home: Davis, CA
Pomona
BA-Political Science;
BA-History
Placement: Secretary of State

Ashley Tucker

Home: Oceanside, CA
UCLA
BA-Political Science
Placement: California Volunteers

Lauretta Wild

Home: El Dorado Hills, CA
Occidental
BA-Economics for Business Management
Placement: Health & Human Services

Heather Williams

Home: Hesperia, CA
CSU Fullerton
BA-Political Science
Placement: Office of the Treasurer