

**2021-2022 Capital Fellows
Applications Written Questions**

Essays for the California Senate Fellowship

1. **Senate Fellowship Personal Statement:** The goal of the California Senate Fellows program is to cultivate leadership capacity and insight into the California legislative process. Please describe yourself and explain why you are applying to the Senate Fellowship Program. Tell us why your experience, skills, and other attributes make you well qualified to serve as a Senate Fellow. If selected, what are your immediate goals following the conclusion of the fellowship? Explain how your participation in the Senate Fellows program will help you achieve your goals. Also, please include in your personal statement a brief statement (no more than a short paragraph) about your political philosophy and how you would describe yourself politically. (Two-page limit; typed, double-spaced; 12 pt. font).

2. **Senate Fellowship Policy Statement:** Please answer the following questions:
(One-page limit; typed, double-spaced; 12 pt. font)
 - a. Do you feel things are generally moving in the right direction in California or in the wrong direction?
 - b. Please provide an example of a policy you feel is going right and explain why.
 - c. Please provide an example of a policy you feel is going wrong in California and explain why. What might you do to address the issue or problem?

Essays for the Executive Fellowship

Please answer the following two questions separately using no more than two pages for prompt #1, and one page for prompt #2 (typed; double-spaced; 12 pt. font). The selection committee will not read more than three pages total. Keep in mind the selection committee is interested in learning about you, your interest in California government and public policy, and why you are applying to the Executive Fellowship Program.

1. Please discuss your background and why you would make a great addition to next year's class of Executive Fellows. (2 pages max)

2. Imagine you are working in the Governor's Office, preparing to brief your boss who is a senior policy advisor to the Governor. Please identify the most important challenge you feel the state of California faces, and why. Then propose a solution to this challenge for your boss and the Governor to consider. (1 page max)

Essays for the Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship

Assembly Fellowship Personal Statement: The Assembly Fellowship Program provides a unique opportunity for eighteen individuals to serve in essential roles as legislative staff. Please describe yourself and your future aspirations, and discuss why you are applying to the Assembly Fellowship Program and

how your experience, skills, and other attributes make you well qualified to serve as an Assembly Fellow. If selected, what are your immediate goals following the conclusion of the fellowship. Also, please include in your personal statement a brief statement (no more than a short paragraph) about your political philosophy and how you would describe yourself politically. (Two-page limit; typed, double-spaced; 12 pt. font).

Assembly Fellowship Policy Statement: Please answer the following questions- The legislature is facing many pressing issues. If you were an Assembly Member, which policy issue would be your top priority? What change or changes would you propose to address this issue? Describe how your proposed changes would improve California. (One-page limit; typed, double-spaced; 12 pt. font).

Essays for the Judicial Fellowship

Judicial Fellowship Personal Statement: Please tell us about yourself. Discuss your background, any interests and hobbies, and your future education goals and career aspirations. How do your experiences, skills, and other attributes make you well qualified to serve as a Judicial Fellow? (One-page limit; typed, double-spaced; 12 pt. font)

Judicial Fellowship Program Questions: Please answer the following questions. You must submit your answers in order and number your responses. Answers should be detailed and contain information not covered in your personal statement.

Program Statement Questions:

1. Visit courts.ca.gov and learn more about California's judicial branch and court administration. What programs or issue areas are of interest to you? Why? (One-page limit; typed, double-spaced; 12 pt. font)
2. Please explain what benefits are likely to result from your participation in the Judicial Fellowship Program. (One-page limit; typed, double-spaced; 12 pt. font)