

Program Eligibility

All applicants must:

- Be at least 20 years of age by September 1st of the fellowship year.
- Have a bachelor's degree by September 1st of the fellowship year and either a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or higher or a GPA of 2.5 or higher in the last 60 (semester) or 90 (quarter) units.
- Demonstrated interest in public service and public policy.
- Be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of the program.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit the following by the February deadline:

- Completed online application at www.csus.edu/calst/executive
- College transcript(s)
- Personal statement and policy statement
- Three current, original letters of recommendation

Timeline

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| February | Applications due* |
| Last week of April | Sacramento interviews** |
| First week of May | Los Angeles interviews** |
| May | Candidates notified |
| October | Fellowship begins |
| August | Fellowship ends |

* Applications and specific dates and deadlines can be found online at csus.edu/calst/executive

** All interviews must be conducted in person

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EXECUTIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM





The Executive Fellowship Experience

The Executive Fellowship Program is a 10-month experiential education program that uniquely integrates high-level government work experience with academic and professional development. Executive Fellows are placed with a mentor

in one of the many executive offices of California's Executive Branch, which include the Office of the Governor, constitutional offices, cabinet level agencies, and departments. Executive Fellows function as full-time professional staff in these offices while meeting weekly for graduate seminars in Public Policy and Administration.

Recent college graduates and mid-career professionals of all academic disciplines, backgrounds, and levels of experience, who are interested in beginning a career in public service and policy, are encouraged to apply.

Professional Experience

The program provides fellows the opportunity to work with their mentor to design a unique fellowship experience within the context of their placement. Fellows have gained hands on experience and knowledge in: project management, public administration, communications, budgeting, legislation, public speaking, and subject matter expertise through policy analysis and implementation.

Academic Seminar

Executive Fellows attend a weekly graduate seminar instructed by a professor from the Public Policy and Administration department at Sacramento State. Our seminar helps provide an academic perspective on policy and administrative issues that are relevant to the public sector. Upon successful completion of the seminar and the Fellowship, fellows earn 6 graduate units in Public Policy and a Capital Fellows Graduate Certificate in Applied Policy and Government.

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Prior Placement Opportunities include...

- Air Resources Board
- California Energy Commission
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- California Natural Resources Agency
- Delta Stewardship Council
- Department of Business Oversight
- Department of Finance
- Department of Healthcare Services
- Fair Political Practices Commission
- Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
- Governor's Office of Planning and Research
- Office of the Governor
- State Treasurer's Office

Program Stipend and Benefits

- **Monthly stipend of \$2,698** and health, dental and vision benefits
- Paid university enrollment and student fees for units in the Public Policy and Administration department
- **Graduate Certificate** in Applied Policy and Government
- Student loan deferment



Yessica Hernandez, 2011-12

"The Executive Fellowship Program has been a life-changing experience. Through my placement, mentor and orientation, I have gained a variety of skills that have prepared me for my professional career. As an Executive Fellow, I received the best of both worlds; I got the perspective from the executive branch but also worked closely with the legislature. Every day I learned and grew personally and professionally not only from my placement and mentor but also from my cohort and former fellows."

