

FOUR DISTINCT PROGRAMS

THE JESSE M. UNRUH ASSEMBLY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows work in State Assembly offices, staffing legislation, conducting bill analysis, and learning the policymaking process.

JUDICIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows work in the judicial branch within the field of court administration, supporting the mission of access to justice for all.

SENATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows work in State Senate offices, staffing legislation, conducting bill analysis, and learning the policymaking process.

EXECUTIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows work in state agencies analyzing policies, communicating with stakeholders, and supporting initiatives to improve outcomes.



PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must:

- Be at least 20 years of age by September 1 of the fellowship year
- Have a bachelor's degree by September 1 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
- Have a demonstrated interest in state government and public policy
- Be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of the fellowship program

TO APPLY

- Visit our website for the online application, deadlines, and complete information:
csus.edu/capitalfellows
- Eligible college seniors and college graduates are encouraged to apply

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Paid full-time employment status, including health, vision, and dental benefits
- One-time moving allowance
- Student loan deferment eligibility
- Graduate Certificate in Applied Policy and Government upon program completion

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PUBLIC SERVICE



Jointly sponsored by the three branches of California's state government and the Center for California Studies at Sacramento State, the nationally recognized Capital Fellows Programs offer a prestigious opportunity to engage in a year-long program that places Fellows in full-time positions within **California's legislative, executive, or judicial branch offices.**

Alongside work in their placements, Fellows take part in an **academic seminar** with graduate-level coursework in political science or public policy and administration. Each program operates as a cohort, fostering professional networks, camaraderie, and lasting connections.

MEANINGFUL WORK



Fellows work full-time in state government offices, supporting daily operations through policy research, legislative or program analysis, briefings, and community engagement.

This hands-on experience offers direct insight into how policy is developed, implemented, and communicated at the highest levels of state government. **Fellows also participate in experiential learning opportunities such as site visits and speaker events** with government leaders and stakeholders.



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MENTORSHIP



Program Directors manage the fellowship, provide training, and serve as the direct supervisors for Fellows. Directors offer guidance through regular one-on-one meetings, helping Fellows navigate the transition into a fast-paced environment. Directors serve as a key resource for reflection, problem-solving, and professional growth.

Fellows are paired with an **on-site mentor** who ensures opportunities for meaningful assignments in their placement office.

Fellows further benefit from a **nationwide network of Capital Fellows alumni,** gaining access to valuable perspectives and lasting professional connections.