

MAKE AN IMPACT BECOME A WHITE HOUSE FELLOW

“A genuinely free society cannot be a spectator society... Freedom, in its deepest sense, requires participation. It requires full and zestful, knowledgeable participation.”

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON



Founded in 1964, the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships is the nation’s most prestigious program for leadership and public service. White House Fellowships offer exceptional Americans first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the Federal government. After a competitive application process, selected individuals spend a year in Washington, DC working as a full-time, paid Fellow to Cabinet Secretaries, senior White House staff, and other top-ranking government officials. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with renowned leaders from the private and public sectors. Fellowships are awarded on a strictly non-partisan basis.

Visit www.whitehouse.gov/about/fellows to learn more.

Eligibility requirements:

- ◆ Must be a U.S. citizen
- ◆ Cannot be a current Federal government employee (with the exception of career military personnel)
- ◆ Must have received a Bachelor’s degree and be working in their chosen profession

Selection criteria:

- ◆ A record of remarkable professional achievement early in one’s career.
- ◆ Evidence of leadership skills and the potential for further growth.
- ◆ A demonstrated commitment to public service.
- ◆ The skills to succeed at the highest levels of the Federal government and the ability to work as part of a team.

Components of the fellowship:

- ◆ Full-time work placement at a Federal department, agency, or office
- ◆ Education program consisting of off-the-record, candid discussions with distinguished leaders
- ◆ Service projects
- ◆ Relationship-building with Fellows class and alumni



THE IMPACT OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

Notable Alumni

- ◆ Mari Carmen Aponte, U.S. Amb. to El Salvador
- ◆ Joe Barton, U.S. Congressman (Texas)
- ◆ Lael Brainard, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- ◆ Samuel Brownback, Former U.S. Senator and Governor of Kansas
- ◆ Elaine Chao, Former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor
- ◆ Wesley Clark, Ret. General, U.S. Army
- ◆ Cesar Conde, EVP, NBCUniversal
- ◆ Suzan Johnson Cook, Former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Int'l Religious Freedom
- ◆ Cheryl Dorsey, CEO, Echoing Green
- ◆ Michael Froman, U.S. Trade Representative
- ◆ Doris Kearns Goodwin, Historian & Author
- ◆ Sanjay Gupta, CNN Chief Medical Corr.
- ◆ Jim Padilla, Former President, Ford Motor Company
- ◆ Michelle Peluso, CEO, Gilt Groupe
- ◆ Colin Powell, Former Secretary of State, Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Ret. General, U.S. Army
- ◆ Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator (Alaska)
- ◆ Mike Ullman, Former CEO, J.C. Penney
- ◆ Tim Wirth, Vice Chairman, United Nations Foundation, Former U.S. Senator

Contributions in the Obama Administration

- ◆ **Office of the Vice President:** Advising on issues related to violence against women
- ◆ **Office of the First Lady:** Critical member of *Joining Forces*, initiative to support service members, veterans, and their families
- ◆ **Department of State:** Represented the U.S. in international meetings on development effectiveness at the OECD in Paris
- ◆ **Department of Defense:** Provided specialized advice to ranking physicians at DOD about military's traumatic brain injury policy
- ◆ **Department of Energy:** Utilized cybersecurity expertise to expand focus on cyber-related issues, including electric grid security
- ◆ **Department of Labor:** Stood up a Women's Veterans Initiative, which won Secretary's Honor Award
- ◆ **Environmental Protection Agency:** Led joint effort with U.S. Coast Guard to review response efforts related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
- ◆ **Office of Science & Technology Policy:** Worked on Lab-to-Market Initiative, implementing policies to optimize commercialization of federally funded research
- ◆ **Office of Management and Budget:** Reorganized Federal departments and agencies related to trade and competitiveness

In a community of over 700 alumni, White House Fellows have...

- ◆ Been named MacArthur Fellows
- ◆ Invented the LED and acted as a key player in the development of stealth technology for the U.S. military
- ◆ Launched the technology that is now used in medical scan thermometers
- ◆ Founded the Progeria Foundation which led to the discovery of the gene causing progeria
- ◆ Received the Soldier's Medal, the U.S. Army's highest decoration for valor in a non-combat situation, awarded for bravery exhibited during the Boston Marathon bombing
- ◆ Served as Cabinet Secretaries, Governors, Members of Congress, U.S. Senators, and other statewide elected officials
- ◆ Been *New York Times* best-selling authors
- ◆ 2 served together as U.S. Attorneys
- ◆ 12 have served as U.S. Ambassadors
- ◆ 26 have been presidents of colleges or deans of premier professional schools
- ◆ 51 have gone on to become General/Flag Officers in our nation's armed forces
- ◆ 64 have served in government positions requiring Senate confirmation

