The Michael S. Dukakis Governors’ SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

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The Challenge

How does one prepare leaders to address the complicated public challenges we face? At Harvard Kennedy School, we believe in the value of experience. Offering our students the opportunity to work at the right hand of proven leaders is the goal of the Michael S. Dukakis Governors’ Summer Fellowship Program. Through this funded, bi-partisan fellowship, students develop the leadership and analytic skills to tackle state-level, critical policy issues in healthcare, education, economic development, public safety, and more.

“I was fortunate to be involved in public life for more than 30 years. Lots of us have dreams; I have lived mine.”

— Michael S. Dukakis

Why Harvard Kennedy School

At the Kennedy School, students learn to examine policy problems in their entirety: to analyze the available information, to weigh the possible impacts of alternative policies, to understand political ramifications, and to produce plans for action that are organizationally feasible and publicly valuable. Through a core curriculum focused on economics, data, strategic management, political advocacy, ethics, and financial management, our students are prepared for leadership positions in public service.
Participate

Send us your proposal. Please include the following:
— Brief description of your proposed project
— Person (in the Executive Office of the Governor) who will oversee the work

Any requirements for your fellow?
— Do you require a particular skill set/experience?
— Does the fellow need to be a U.S. Citizen?
— Does the fellow need to be a resident of your state?
— Does the fellow need security clearance?

Proposals will be accepted through late January. States who have been matched will receive information about their fellow in late March. Send proposals and direct any questions to Dukakis_Fellowship@hks.harvard.edu.

“We must continue to attract the best and brightest minds into public service if we are to address the complex issues Colorado faces. The Dukakis Fellowship Program gives students the chance to tackle these issues head on and see for themselves the importance of good government, while making a sizable impact in the state they are serving.”

— Governor John Hickenlooper
Colorado
A committee of HKS faculty and staff will carefully match students to projects. Dukakis Fellowships are highly competitive. A limited number of fellowships are available each summer and students receive, through the Dukakis Fellowship, a full stipend for the 10- to 12-week internship, including support for travel to and from the internship.

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“Governor Sandoval’s office benefited enormously from the perspectives, expertise, and passion which our 2016 and 2017 Dukakis Fellows brought to the team. From helping to draft legislative measures that were then introduced during the session, to leading agency implementation of statewide policy in the areas of workforce development, infrastructure modernization, and education reform, our Dukakis Fellows played an instrumental role in assisting our office with successfully achieving the Governor’s policy goals and strategic objectives. Their dedicated efforts have made a profound difference in the lives of the constituents we serve.”

— Matt Morris
Legislative Director for Governor Brian Sandoval, Nevada
Through the generous support of Marilyn and Calvin Gross (Harvard College 1956), the Michael S. Dukakis Governors’ Summer Fellowship exposes talented Harvard Kennedy School students, aspiring to leadership roles in state government, to the unique challenges of state-level public service.

Dukakis Fellows serve in the executive offices of governors across the country during the summer between their first and second year of graduate study. Students get an up-close look at the challenges and opportunities that define the highest levels of state government and have first-hand involvement in addressing those challenges, particularly in the areas of policy and budget.

“No 2007, our sponsored Fellowship, honoring the career and wishes of Governor Michael Dukakis, continues on a non-partisan basis to assist governors and states in solving major problems. Through the Program, we engage educated and talented Fellows and inspire them to pursue careers in the higher echelons of state government.”

— Marilyn and Calvin Gross, donors
A selection of states that have hosted fellows in the past 11 years.