

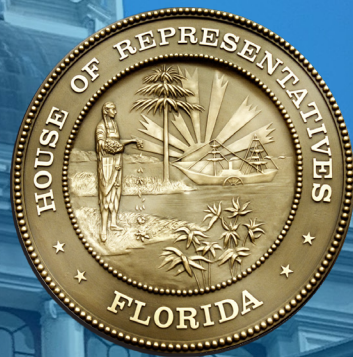
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Legislative Fellows Program



**The Legislative Fellows Program
provides college graduates
pursuing a graduate degree with
an opportunity to experience
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Opening Day of Session

The Beginning

The Florida House of Representatives provides many opportunities for men and women to serve the State's vast and multifaceted citizenry.

In 1967, then Senator Lawton Chiles sponsored a bill creating an Intern Program for the Florida Legislature as a means by which young adults are introduced to the legislative process. The program's mission is the same today as it was then: to provide college graduates pursuing a graduate degree with an opportunity to experience the legislative process and public policy making.

For over 50 years, more than 900 young adults have gained immeasurable insight regarding the inner workings of government, and many have gone on to use this experience in their professional life.

The Experience

Participants are assigned to House committees, subcommittees, and leadership offices. Under the guidance of senior House staff, assignments may include research, bill drafting and analysis, oversight activities, and other tasks relating to policy or fiscal areas.

The Program not only gave me the best crash course in state government I could ask for, it also significantly influenced the development of my career. I highly recommend the Program for anyone with an inkling of an interest in public policy and politics: the Program is challenging and fulfilling, and offers students a rare and valuable front-row seat to state lawmaking.

Adrian Lukis, Class of 2012-2013
Former Chief of Staff, Executive Office of the Governor

How to Apply

Complete the Legislative Fellows Program Application Packet available for download at MyFloridaHouse.Gov. Materials can be emailed to FellowsProgram@MyFloridaHouse.Gov, faxed to 850.487.6440, or mailed to the Florida House of Representatives, Office of Administration & Professional Development, Legislative Fellows Program, 1201 The Capitol, 402 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300.



Speaker Chris Sprowls

Rate of Pay/Hours of Work

The rate of pay is \$13.00 per hour. Work must be performed during regular business hours. From **October 14** through **December 31, 2022**, participants work 20 hours per week. From **January 3** through **May 19, 2023**, participants work 30 hours per week to assist with the increased session workload.

Tuition or Stipend Benefit

Participants receive payment of up to 18 hours of graduate tuition at Florida in-state rates during the time of the internship (Fall '22 and Spring '23) or receive a monthly stipend of \$500 from **October 14** through **December 31, 2022**, and \$800 from **January 3** through **May 19, 2023**.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be a Florida resident or be enrolled in a Florida school at the time of application. Applicants must have received their bachelor's degree and be enrolled in a graduate program prior to beginning the Legislative Fellows Program. Law school students must be a 2L or 3L to be considered for the program.

The 2023 Legislative Session is from
March 7 through May 5, 2023.

What to Submit

✓ The Florida Legislature Employment Application with Fellows Addendum

✓ Faculty/Employer Recommendations

Recommendations are required from two faculty members and one employer (if available) familiar with the applicant's work and ability. Faculty/Employers may attach an additional letter of recommendation to the appropriate forms. Completed recommendation forms should be received by **May 20, 2022, Noon**. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit these forms by the deadline.

✓ Transcripts

Submit one copy of cumulative transcripts (graduate and undergraduate). Electronic or photocopies of transcripts may be submitted.

✓ Writing Sample*

Answer the following questions in essay format:

- Why are you applying to the Legislative Fellows Program and what do you expect to gain from your experience?
- Why did you choose to pursue your present course of study and what are your career plans?
- How will this experience benefit your career goals?
- What is your perception of the Florida Legislature?

Upon request, you may be asked to submit a typed, academic, unpublished paper or brief.

**Applicants must write and edit their own writing samples.*

✓ Test Scores

Submit a copy of Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score(s) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score, if taken, with your application. These scores may be electronically submitted or photocopied and do not have to be sent from the Educational Testing Service. Graduate exam scores are not required to apply for a fellowship.



Class of 2021-2022
with Speaker Chris Sprowls

The Calendar

Early Spring - Announcement

Program announcements and application forms are sent to university faculty, staff and other interested parties. Online Applications are available at MyFloridaHouse.Gov.

May 20, 2022, Noon - Application Deadline

Early Summer - Interviews

Selected applicants are scheduled for interviews.

Mid-Summer - Notification

Finalists are notified of their acceptance into the Legislative Fellows Program.

October 14, 2022 - May 19, 2023

Inclusive dates of the Legislative Fellows Program.

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