University At Albany

**2026 Fellowship on Women & Public Policy Application**

The **Fellowship on Women & Public Policy** is a program of the Leadership Academy at the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, University at Albany. The focal point of Academy is to fortify and fill the pipelines of public service leadership.

**Program Overview**

The Fellowship is a premiere, intensive leadership development, skill building, and educational program designed to encourage highly qualified graduate students to pursue careers in public policy. Fellows are selected on a competitive basis and participate in the program from early January through the end of June. Academic coursework in public policy, leadership and advocacy; policy field experiences; workshops; conferences; and community service opportunities provide fellows with the knowledge and skills needed to become policy and social change agents. The Fellowship program prepares the next generation of public policy leaders, by instilling knowledge and nurturing skills that empower them to become effective advocates and change agents.

## Fellows are full time graduate students who must enroll in a 9-credit hours of Fellowship specific coursework. They also must complete field work and professional development activities. Participants receive a $13,500 stipend to cover living expenses and receive tuition assistance for Fellowship specific coursework.

## The Fellowship on Women & Public Policy is open to students from all graduate programs or certificate programs. Fellows must have completed twelve graduate credits at an accredited college or university. Fellows must have a minimum of three years of prior work experience to be eligible for the Fellowship. All applicants should have a demonstrated interest and experience in developing leadership skills.

**Application Materials:**

While we anticipate that recruitment will continue into the Fall of 2025, we recommend that you submit your application early as recruitment takes place until all seats in the 2026 class are full. Applications and all supporting documents must be submitted to the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society.

The following supporting documents are required of all applicants:

1. An official transcript from each college or university you have attended.
2. A current résumé that includes information about your paid work and voluntary activity.
3. Contact Information of five (5) references (Two academic and three professional).
4. Two writing samples (these can be professional or academic writing samples, but they should demonstrate your critical thinking and writing skills).

# Once your file is complete, we will contact you to schedule an interview with the Selection Committee.

**Submit all application material *electronically* to** [**cwgcs@albany.edu**](mailto:cwgcs@albany.edu)**. For questions pertaining to the Fellowship, please contact us at 518.442.5127 or visit us at** [**www.albany.edu/womeningov/**](http://www.albany.edu/womeningov/)

**Request the registrar of each college or university you have attended to send your electronic transcripts to**:

**Fellowship on Women & Public Policy, Center for Women in Government & Civil Society, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, University at Albany, Draper 312, 135 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12222**

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**I. Contact Information**

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| **Name:** |
| **Permanent Address:** |
| **Mailing Address (of different from above):** |
| **Home Phone:** |
| **Cell Phone:** |
| **Email Address:** |

***Please notify us immediately if you change your address, e-mail or telephone number.***

**II. Education**

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| **1. Current College/University:**  **Name:**  **Address:**  **Academic Degree Program:**  **Field of Specialization:**  **Expected Graduation Date:**  **GPA:** |
| **2. Academic Area(s) of Interest** |

2. **Prior Academic Institutions**

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| **Graduate Institutions** | **Dates Attended** | | **Major/ Specialization Field (s)** | **Degree Rec'd** | **Overall GPA** | **Major GPA** |
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| **Undergraduate Institutions** | **Dates Attended** | | **Major Field** | **Degree Rec'd** | **Overall GPA** | **Major GPA** |
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***(Please note that you are required to submit copies of your transcripts to verify your GPA)***

**Residence**

NYS Resident ☐ Out-of-State ☐

**References**

*Please provide the following information for five professional and academic references. At least two must be an academic reference.*

1. **Reference** ☐ **Professional** ☐ **Academic** ☐ **Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
   1. Name
   2. Title (Department, Job Title etc.)
   3. Work Phone Cell Phone
   4. Email Address
2. **Reference** ☐ **Professional** ☐ **Academic** ☐ **Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
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**Summary of Involvement**

1. **Please provide a summary of academic, employment, and voluntary activities related to women's issues:**
2. **Please provide a summary of activities related to public policy:**
3. **Please write an essay of 1500 words addressing the following:**
   1. **What experiences have led you to your interest in public policy affecting women?**
   2. **What activities demonstrate your commitment to and/or concern about issues that affect women?**
   3. **Which areas of governmental action do you consider most urgent and important to women?**
   4. **What place does this fellowship have in your long-range goals?**
   5. **How would you like to have grown and what would you like to have learned by the end of the fellowship?**

All supporting documents, except official transcripts, should be sent **via email to** [**cwgcs@albany.edu**](mailto:cwgcs@albany.edu)

**Thank you for applying to Fellowship on Women & Public Policy!**