

The Sydney S. Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy

CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Deadline: February 15th

The ASA encourages applications for the Congressional Fellowship. The Fellowship brings a PhD-level sociologist to Washington, DC to work as a staff member on a congressional committee or in a congressional office. This intensive yearlong (September to September) experience reveals the intricacies of the policy making process to the sociological fellow, and shows the usefulness of sociological data and concepts to policy issues.

Each applicant should have a general idea about the area of interest, some experience in client-driven work, good writing skills, and a commitment to the policy process. It is helpful to investigate some placement possibilities in advance, or to suggest some in the letter of interest. We cannot guarantee placement with the interested person. The application should highlight the link between one's sociological expertise and a current policy issue. Be sure to specify the time span available to do the fellowship placement.

ASA partners with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to offer orientation, meetings, and support for the person selected.

The stipend for the Fellowship is \$66,000 for 12 months. (The Fellow is not an ASA employee and thus there are no additional benefits, including health insurance.) The Fellowship is funded by the American Sociological Foundation and is part of the Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy.

If sending your application materials electronically, please send applications in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format to Spivack@asanet.org. Include "Congressional Fellowship Application" in the title of your email correspondence. If submitting via Word, use Arial 12pt font with 1 inch margins, include applicant name on all pages, and adhere to the 5 page limit. Also print a copy for your records.

Send application to: Spivack Congressional Fellowship Program, American Sociological Association, 1430 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005. Direct questions or comments to spivack@asanet.org.

Applications may be submitted via email or USPS. If you are submitting your application electronically, remember to email your CV as a PDF file and include "Congressional Fellowship" in the subject line.

Materials must be postmarked by February 15th if sending in regular mail and submitted by the 11:59 PM EST on February 15th if sending electronically.

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CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Applicant

Current Institutional Affiliation:

Preferred Address

Preferred Number

Email Address

Applications should include the following three items plus brief answers to the questions below. A letter of interest no more than two pages long A copy of the applicant's Curriculum Vita No more than three letters of recommendations (can be submitted separately via e-mail or USPS)

Briefly answer the following questions:

1. What policy related experience have you had? (600 word limit)

2. How have you applied your sociological training and conceptual knowledge to policy issues in the past? (600 word limit)

3. What types of issues would you want to deal with during your fellowship period? (300 word limit)

4. What knowledge or experience do you hope to gain through your work as a Congressional Fellow? (500 word limit)

5. For which Congressional Committee, Office, or Agency are you interested in working and why? (200 word limit)

6. Why do you feel that it is important for sociologists to become involved in the policy-making process? (300 word limit)

Also to be included (as a PDF if submitting online application):

A copy of the applicant's Curriculum Vita

Applicant Signature

Date

Submit all materials by February 15 either via e-mail or postal mail to:

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