

2017 FELLOWSHIP

Program Overview

The Senate Republican Fellowship is offered in the Senate Republican Office during the 2017 Legislative Session, from January to June (dates negotiable). Full- and part-time opportunities are available. Fellows receive a one-time stipend of \$1,000 and can earn college, graduate, or law school credit if allowed by their school. Up to three fellows will be selected for 2017.

Description of Position

Fellows will acquire experience in public policy and communication, build marketable skills, work with experts on many topics, gain a comprehensive understanding of the legislative process, build a strong network, and have at least one strong writing sample by the end.

Working 20-40 hours a week, fellows will conduct research; write bill summaries, memos, and talking points; attend events and committee hearings; track bill progress; prepare amendments; communicate with legislators, state agencies, lobbyists, advocates, and the public; and help constituents. Fellows are supervised and mentored by legislative staff and attend group mentorship meetings with key state leaders. Specific duties vary, depending on fellowship assignments, but all fellows will be in the midst of the action, taking part in the crafting of legislation in a fast-paced environment. This position reports to the Legislative Director, within the Senate Republican Office.

Eligibility

Oregon ties are strongly preferred but not required. All applicants must be: (1) Law or Graduate students; (2) Juniors or Seniors in a Bachelor's degree program; or (3) recent college or advanced degree graduates. All applicants must demonstrate academic excellence (e.g. current or final undergraduate GPA above 3.0) and have an interest in public service.

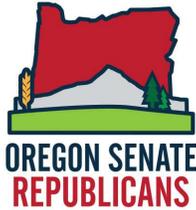
The position requires strong communication and writing skills, the ability to work in a team setting, and confidence to be a self-starter and take initiative. Fellows do not have to be political science majors or know anything about the legislative process; your supervisors will teach you what you need to know about the political process. The most important attributes of a fellow are critical thinking, enthusiasm, a willingness to learn through hands-on experience, and interest in the legislative process. Students from all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply.

Application Timeline

Consideration and interviews on a rolling basis

Questions?

Contact Steve Elzinga at 503-986-1953 or stephen.elzinga@state.or.us.



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

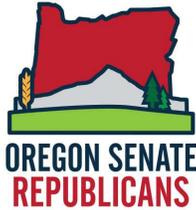
Please email the following items to Steve Elzinga in the Senate Republican Office (stephen.elzinga@state.or.us) as soon as possible. Interviews will be scheduled as qualified applicants are identified.

REQUIRED:

- Completed application
- Resume
- A brief writing sample (not more than four pages) that demonstrates your critical thinking, research, and writing skills

Questions?

Contact Steve Elzinga at 503-986-1953 or stephen.elzinga@state.or.us. Also, please contact Steve if you are interested in future fellowship opportunities but unavailable in spring 2017.



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APPLICATION

Name _____ University _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Are you registered to vote? If yes, please list your party registration (or unaffiliated) and how long you have been registered with that party.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Cumulative GPA _____ Total Credit Hours Completed To Date _____

Major _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

GRADUATE STUDIES (if applicable)

Cumulative GPA _____ Total Credit Hours Completed to Date _____

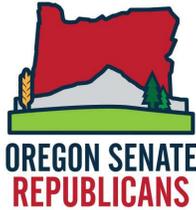
Degree Program _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

This fellowship requires a minimum of 20 hours per week at the State Capitol in Salem. Your attendance may be required at early morning or late night meetings. There are no holidays, no semester breaks, and no time off given during the session. Are you prepared to make this commitment?

Please select one: Yes No

Preferred hours per week (20 to 40) _____

How many credit hours do you expect to take (other than internship credits for this fellowship)?



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Areas of Interest – Choose only three areas of preferred interest below and rank those areas in order of your preference (1, 2, 3), with number 1 being your top interest in the subject matter. Fellows will have responsibility for one or two subject-area committees during the program.

**Please Note: If you are selected to be a fellow, we cannot guarantee that you will be placed in one of your top choices, but we will do our best to align your interests and experience with placement.*

Preferred Areas of Interest

<input type="checkbox"/> Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Business and Labor <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Elections <input type="checkbox"/> Environment and Natural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services (includes foster care, food assistance, senior care) <input type="checkbox"/> Judiciary (includes criminal justice, torts, firearms, general law reform) <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes and Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
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Fellows serve at the pleasure of the Senate Republican Leader and shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Failure to complete the fellowship or dismissal from the fellowship may affect the amount of the stipend and may result in a failing grade and/or no class credit.

I hereby agree to the above and certify that I can participate for the entire period of the program and that I can satisfy the agreed-to amount of hours per week.

I hereby certify that all entries on this application form and attachments are true and complete and I agree and understand that any falsification of information, regardless of the time of discovery, may cause forfeiture on my part to any participation in the fellowship program. I understand that information on this application form or in attachments is subject to verification, and I consent to references, former employers and educational institutions listed being contacted regarding this application. I further authorize the Senate Republican Office to rely upon and use, as it sees fit, any information received from those contacts and to conduct a criminal history records check.

Signature _____ Date _____

*Electronic signature fine for this application, but an actual signature will be required before starting the fellowship.