



## NEW YORK STATE EXCELSIOR SERVICE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM THROUGH NYU SCHOOL OF LAW

The New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program is a funded two-year fellowship offering talented individuals hands on training and experience in New York State government. Excelsior Fellows work full time at host executive-branch agencies, advancing the operational aspects of large policy initiatives. Fellow placements include the Executive Chamber, Empire State Development Corporation, Justice Center, Department of Environmental Conservation, the Port Authority of NY/NJ, and the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo welcomed the first class of Excelsior Fellows in September 2013 and viewed them as an integral part of his mission to advance opportunities for the best and brightest who are called to public service. Although the Excelsior Service Fellowship Program lasts two years, exceptional fellows may continue to serve New York State. More than 50% of the first and second classes of Excelsior Fellows were offered permanent positions with the State post-fellowship.

### **Requirements and Details**

NYU Law candidates must possess a JD from NYU Law no later than June 2017. JD fellows will be placed in legal assignments unless they expressly request otherwise. Candidates are encouraged to note their areas of interest and any preferred placement agencies; however, final placements will be dictated by budget and the needs of the State government. While some opportunities exist in New York City and elsewhere in the state, **most agency placements are located in Albany, New York.**

Salary is in two-tiers, based on years of work experience after college:

- Fellows with less than five years of post-collegiate work experience are paid \$55,000 annually
- Fellows with five or more years of post-collegiate work experience are paid \$60,000 annually

Additionally, all Excelsior Fellows receive a comprehensive benefits package including paid leave, health, dental, vision, and other benefits.

All Excelsior Fellows must be U.S. citizens and must submit to a background investigation conducted by the New York State Police and the Center for Recruitment and Public Service. Fellowship appointment is contingent upon this background check.

### **Application Process**

Applications and selections for the 2017 New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program

will be administered by NYU Law. Interested NYU Law applicants should submit a resume, transcript, 2 letters of recommendation (at least one of which should be academic in nature) and a personal statement/cover letter to [gail.zweig@nyu.edu](mailto:gail.zweig@nyu.edu) **no later than Tuesday, January 17, 2017**. The personal statement should outline the candidate's interest in the Excelsior Service Fellowship and their commitment to public service (no more than 750 words). Your personal statement should address the following:

- What experience have you had with State Government, either personally or professionally?  
How does that experience inform your career goals?
- What is an example of State Government at its best?
- What do you hope to gain from the Excelsior Fellowship Program?
- What contribution do you hope to make to the State, and its citizenry?
- Where do you see yourself, professionally, in five years?

A short list of candidates will be interviewed in late January and/or early February.

NYU Law will forward its selections to the Center for Recruitment and Public Service no later than March 1, 2017. Prospective fellows will be interviewed for placement by the Center for Recruitment and Public Service during the following months so that the Center can better understand their interests and where they'll be best situated. Fellows will be notified of their assigned placements by June 10, 2017.

If you are interested in making a difference, serving the people of New York, and helping to write the next great chapter in New York's history, apply to the New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program today!

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