NEW YORK STATE EXCELSIOR SERVICE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This fall, approximately 70 individuals newly graduated from college, graduate and professional schools from across New York State and the nation – including five from NYU Law – will begin their career as Excelsior Service Fellows. The New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship is designed to attract the “best and the brightest,” who are called to a career in public service. Being an Excelsior Fellow is an honor, privilege and full-time commitment. Fellows serve in a variety of capacities within such agencies like the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Labor, Housing and Community Renewal, the Department of Financial Services, and the Empire State Development Corporation. Alternatively, Fellows may be assigned to roles in the Governor’s or Lieutenant Governor’s Office. Each Fellow, in his or her own way, is making important contributions in building the New New York. The Fellowship is a two-year program that combines both experiential and professional development opportunities designed to nurture and cultivate the next generation of leaders in New York State government.

APPLICATION PROCESS
NYU Law students interested in applying should submit a resume, cover letter, transcript, and list of 3 references to pilc.info@nyu.edu no later than Wednesday January 7. A selection committee made up of NYU Law alumni with experience in state government will interview shortlisted candidates in late January. The committee will forward its selections to the Center for Recruitment and Public Service. The State Program Committee will conduct interviews with each candidate to obtain additional information regarding the candidate’s background and interests. These interviews are an important component in the Program Committee’s assignment determination process. It is important to note that while we will accept all program nominations, the State will reserve its right to appoint only the most highly qualified nominees.

Fellows possessing a JD degree will receive an annual salary not to exceed $70,000. All Fellows are considered State employees and also receive a full benefits package. Fellows will be assigned to agencies based on their interests and agency needs, and will be asked to accept the fellowship before knowing what their exact placements will be. Placements are generally in the Albany area although some positions will be in New York City and are made based on agency needs. Although the Excelsior Fellowship Program lasts two years, there is the potential for high-performing Fellows to remain in State service at the conclusion of the Fellowship.

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 Fellowship program today!