



## NEW YORK STATE EXCELSIOR SERVICE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program is a funded two-year fellowship offering talented recent graduates of graduate and advanced degree programs hands on training and experience in New York State government. Excelsior Fellows work full time at host executive-branch agencies and authorities, advancing the operational aspects of large policy initiatives. Fellow placements include the Executive Chamber, Empire State Development Corporation, Justice Center for the Protection

of People with Special Needs, 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 prior classes of Excelsior Fellows were offered permanent positions with the State post-fellowship.

For more information about the program, please visit <http://www.ny.gov/new-york-state-fellowship-programs/excelsior-service-fellowship-program>.

### **Requirements and Details**

NYU Law candidates must have earned their law degree in the 2018-19 academic year. Candidates must be eligible to work for New York State without employer sponsorship. 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 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 three years of post-collegiate work experience are paid \$55,000 annually
- Fellows with three or more years of post-collegiate work experience are paid \$60,000 annually

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

All Excelsior Fellows 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 2019-2021 New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program will be administered by NYU Law. Interested NYU Law applicants should submit the following materials to their school's designated contact: 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 22, 2019**. The personal statement should outline the candidate's interest in the Excelsior Service Fellowship and their commitment 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 during the last week of January and/or the first two weeks of February.

NYU Law will forward its nominations to the Center for Recruitment and Public Service no later than March 1, 2019. Nominees will be interviewed for placement by the Center for Recruitment and Public Service, and will be notified whether they are selected as a Fellow in early April 2019. Fellows will be notified of their assigned placements by June 10, 2019.

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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