



Asian American Women's Political Initiative (AAWPI) Spring 2019 Internship Program

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 2018 @ 11:59PM

Do you want to build leadership skills that will help you make change for our communities? Are you curious about Massachusetts politics? Do you want to be surrounded by empowering AAPI women?

As the only program of its kind in the country, the Asian American Women's Political Initiative's (AAWPI's) State House Fellowship Program provides Asian American women with an empowering opportunity to combine passion with state policy-making through a part-time internship at the Massachusetts State House in Boston. The fellowship also includes interactive trainings and issue briefings led by well-known civic leaders and leaders in government. Unique to the program are discussions around Asian American women identity and issues affecting the Asian American community. Trainings and briefings are conducted through an Asian American community lens, making connections between policy making and our communities. The 2019 State House Fellows will be AAWPI's tenth annual cohort. Featured in Boston Magazine, AAWPI seeks to cultivate and mentor the next generation of Asian American leaders and build a strong community of Asian American women.

Program Overview

AAWPI State House Fellows are expected to commit a minimum of 10 hours/week to a State House internship and an additional 10 hours/month to programming and group project work. The program runs from January 21, 2019 through May 10, 2019. The 10th annual State House Fellowship includes the following components:

- **Orientation training weekend** on Saturday, January 19 and Sunday, January 20, 2019.
- **A 16-week internship** placement with a Massachusetts legislator, beginning the week of January 21st through May 10th, 2019. Duties range from constituent services to helping analyze the fiscal year budget. Fellows are responsible for making sure that their schedules will permit them to intern at least ten hours within State House office hours (9am-5pm), Monday through Friday at the State House in Boston. A majority of internship hours must be



spent interning Monday through Thursday.

- **2-hour, bi-weekly, in-person AAWPI fellowship trainings** on either Saturday or Sunday throughout the internship. Dates to be determined. Briefing topics have included: the legislative and budget process, campaigns 101, press relations, fundraising, and issues affecting the Asian American community (including mental health, domestic violence and health disparities).
- **A fundraising requirement** that will help sustain the pipeline of up-and-coming Asian-American women leaders and next year's fellowship program. Fellows will receive fundraising training and support to help meet their fundraising goals. This has proven to be a great opportunity for fellows to develop and practice essential professional skills.
- **Mentorship matches** with an alumna of the program who will serve as an additional resource to each fellow during the fellowship experience, and with a working professional in the community who shares similar career interests. Several mentorship matches have resulted in long-lasting relationships past the fellowship.
- **Group project to be implemented by the fellows** that showcases the fellows' experiences in the program to the local community. Fellows will receive guidelines and support in developing and implementing the project. The overall goals are to build strong teamwork among the fellows and build community among the larger AAWPI community.
- **Fellows will each receive a \$500 stipend.** Recipients of federal work-study may be eligible to redeem their work-study award through this fellowship instead of the program stipend. If applicable, please indicate your interest in using your work-study on the application. Past fellows have also arranged to receive academic credit through the fellowship. AAWPI will cover the cost of the January training weekend and program materials throughout the fellowship.

Who Should Apply

The fellowship is for Asian American women with a strong interest in the intersection of policy and community issues and those who possess strong written and oral communication skills. Eligible candidates include AAPI women who are undergraduate students and/or recent graduates. Those who are not currently enrolled in school are encouraged to apply. Those pursuing/pursued a graduate degree are not eligible to apply. Students of all majors are encouraged to apply. Previous fellows were enrolled as an art, pre-med, biology, public health, journalism



major, and etc.

How to Apply and Application Timeline

- **Application Deadline Friday, October 5th, 2018 @ 11:59pm**
- **Saturday, October 13th, 2018 or Sunday, October 14th, 2018 In-person Interviews**

(Interviews will be held in Boston. Please indicate in your application if you foresee conflicts with these dates. Otherwise, it is presumed that all applicants are available for an in-person interview on either of the dates.)

- **Notification End of October 2018**
- To apply, complete the following by 11:59PM on Friday, October 5th, 2018:
 - Fill out and submit application form online at <https://goo.gl/forms/TCun943AewTyMm8A2>
 - Submit your resume and a 2-3 page personal statement by email to admin@aawpi.org Your personal statement should be double-spaced and address the following:
 - Tell us about yourself, your background, and how your experiences have crafted your personal values to this day.
 - Given our current political climate, how has it impacted you and/or your community?
 - Why are you interested in the fellowship program? What do you hope to bring back to your community through the fellowship program?

For more information, contact Wendy Jamsri at admin@aawpi.org

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