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# Congressional Fellowship Program, 1995–96 and 1996–97

The Congressional Fellowship Program is a professional-level fellowship allowing political scientists, journalists, federal executives, health policy scholars, and international scholars to work on the staffs of Senators, Representatives, and congressional committees.

Its goals are threefold: (1) to improve the quality of scholarship and teaching on Congress and American national politics; (2) to enhance public understanding of Congress and policymaking; and (3) to provide professionals from several fields with practical experience in Congress and with insight into the legislative process.

Since its 1953 founding, the Program has sponsored 1,648 Fellows—including 252 political scientists, 208 journalists, 813 federal executives, and 320 health policy scholars.

The first Fellowship class had only six members, but in recent years the program has included as many as 50 Fellows who have passed through a highly selective review process.

Political scientists and journalists are selected in national competition. Political science applicants must have completed their doctoral degrees within the previous fifteen years, or must be near completion. Journalists must hold a bachelor's degree and have between two and ten years experience in a newspaper, magazine, television, or radio environment. Criteria for selection in quality of training, demonstrated competence, relevance of the Fellowship to career goals, and potential for professional advancement.

Political scientists and journalists are supported by APSA through contributions from corporations and foundations. Major funding for political scientists and journalists has come from the Knight Foundation, Knight-Ridder, Inc., the New York Times Company Foundation, and International Business Machines, Inc. Fellows funded by APSA receive a stipend of \$28,000 for the fellowship year.

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In 1991, MCI Communications Corporation awarded APSA an endowment to support the Congressional Fellowship Program in perpetuity. In addition to funding six political science and journalism Fellows each year, the endowment supports up to two scholars and/or journalists with an analytical interest in public policy and telecommunications. The APSA-MCI Communications Fellows are chosen through highly selective national competition. Rebecca Constantino, Adjunct Associate Professor in UCLA's communications department, was named the 1996–97 APSA-MCI Fellow.

The Walter and Phyllis Shorenstein family endows a fellowship in the name of their daughter, Joan Shorenstein Barone, a well-known and highly-respected producer at CBS News who died in 1985. The Joan Shorenstein Barone Fellowship was established in 1986 and is awarded to a broadcast journalist of special merit. This year's Joan Shorenstein Barone Fellow is Katherine Spring, producer and reporter at Oregon Public Broadcasting, Portland, OR.

Federal executives selected as Fellows are supported by agency funding and apply to the program through their agency's training office. Health Policy Fellows apply through and are supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. German Fellows are supported by and chosen in conjunction with the German Marshall Fund of the United States. A

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Each year, Fellows begin the Program with a month-long orientation that includes meetings with Representatives and Senators, congressional staffs, political scientists, journalists, lobbyists, and government administrators. At the same time, Fellows begin exploring options for themselves, and usually begin work in early December. In April, Fellows are encouraged to seek new assignments on the other side of the legislature, giving them the opportunity to become familiar with both the House and Senate. Seminars are held throughout the Fellowship year, which concludes in mid-August. Fellows are each entitled to make one visit to the home district of the member for which they work.

Lisa Pullen Foust is the Director of the Congressional Fellowship Program. Christopher J. Deering, Associate Professor at The George Washington University, is Academic Director for the Program.

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