Student Policy Fellows Program
Spring 2014

Department of Leadership and Policy

WHEELOCK COLLEGE
PURPOSE

It is the goal of the Student Policy Fellows Program to prepare leaders and advocates through attaining competence in a policy and legislative context, providing policy direction on issues affecting children and families.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

• Establish an educational opportunity for Wheelock College Undergraduate juniors, seniors, and Graduate students who demonstrate sincere interest in social justice, policy practice, and leadership; and possess a capacity to work to impact change on behalf of children and families.
• Facilitate student placement that fosters dynamic hands-on learning based on the mutual interest of Policy fellows and legislators.
• Ensure adequate support with the mentorship of College faculty as student Policy Fellow Advisors.
• Include all Student Policy Fellows, Faculty, and other participants in group dialogue across disciplines to promote critical thinking and team development.

APPLICANTS

Student applicants must meet program criteria: Demonstrate an interest in policy development and advocacy; have the support of their academic advisor; and the ability to show that the Fellowship will support their academic and professional endeavors.

REQUIREMENTS

• Must be a matriculated undergraduate or graduate student at Wheelock College. Applicants must be at least a junior to qualify for this fellowship.
• Must possess a strong academic background.
• Must complete all fellowship hours.
• Attend bi-weekly seminar on Thursday’s 1:00pm to 3:30pm.
• Attend a comprehensive orientation with peer Fellows and faculty policy advisors.
• Attend Wheelock College policy related events.
• Complete a written report and/or publishable article.
• Complete a self evaluation.

BENEFITS

• Work alongside prominent Massachusetts legislators, including elected and appointed public officials as well as University faculty.
• Collaborate with peer fellows in an interdisciplinary policy seminar
• Network and acquire invaluable policy practice in areas of policy, social justice, and policy leadership for future employment opportunities.
• Exposure to multiple government entities.
• College credit

CREDIT OPTIONS

Fees may vary depending on your enrollment status; please check with the Office of Academic Records and Registration (617) 879-2135.

• Cost is per credit based on enrollment status.
• Undergraduate Fellows receive 4 credits for 16 hours per week of placement or 2 credits for 8 hours per week of placement at MA. State house. Biweekly seminar required for both options.
• Graduate Fellows earn 3 credits for16 hours per week, plus bi-weekly seminar.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested applicants must submit:
• A letter of intent describing your interest;
• A complete application
• A letter of reference from a Wheelock faculty member, department chair, or the department dean.

All applicants will undergo thorough review by the Student Policy Fellows Review board. The Department of Leadership and Policy, will issue acceptance letters to successful candidates.

All submissions are due no later than Tuesday, October 15, 2013.
You will be notified of a decision by Tuesday, November 5, 2013.
Please describe your interest in the Student Policy Fellows Program and how it fits with your career goals present and future. Attach additional pages if necessary.

What do you hope to gain from the Policy Fellows experience?

Do you have experience working individually or with others to affect policy and/or community change? Please explain.

From your perspective, why is policy development and advocacy important to professionals who are working or hope to work with children and families?

Please attach a copy of your resume.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Department of Leadership and Policy
Irwin Nesoff, Chairperson
Pilgrim Lower Level, Room 102,
Boston, MA 02215 (617) 879-2170 inesoff@wheelock.edu

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