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• Legislative Fellows work in Dover 20 hours a week from January through June; travel to Dover is by University carpool.
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• Legislative Fellows take a three-credit graduate seminar, “State and Local Government: Management and Policy,” as an integral part of the program.

“Being a Fellow reinforced my [desire to work] for the government.”
—Kimberly Reed, ’01 Fellow

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While not all Fellows may plan on careers in government, most expect to benefit from an insider’s awareness of how the public sector functions. Fellows have a chance to...

• Affect current legislation by providing timely, non-partisan, in-depth information on critical issues
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• Learn the important roles that public advocates and community organizations play in impacting legislation

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• Researched various states’ requirements for carrying concealed weapons and which states honor a permit issued in Delaware to do so
• Prepared policy briefings on the use of DNA to overturn wrongful convictions

“Legislative Fellows were the best avenue I could have taken. I have been able to help hundreds of nonprofits make better decisions about funding strategies because of my legislative experience.”
—Kim Rogers Burdick, ’88 & ’89 Fellow

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

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To apply or receive more information, please contact the Institute for Public Administration (IPA) by phone (302-831-8971) or e-mail (ipa@udel.edu). Or write to...

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