

# D.C. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SOCIOLOGY

The **Department of Sociology D.C. Fellowship** program offers you the opportunity to LIVE, LEARN, and INTERN in Washington D.C.

Gain real-world experience through impactful internships in our nation's capital. Enhance your understanding of policy, diplomacy, legislation, government, research, advocacy, communication, and politics. Meet and network with experienced professionals across a range of fields. Develop valuable professional skills that will help launch your career after graduation.

The D.C. Fellowship will culminate with a creative capstone project that includes the knowledge and skills gained during their internship. As part of the D.C. Fellowship, the award recipient will work with a faculty mentor from the **Department of Sociology** to develop the capstone project during Spring, Summer and Fall semesters.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- \$5000 stipend
- Faculty mentorship
- Capstone project that could be included on resume or in professional portfolio
- Participate in the Boilers Go to D.C. Summer Scholars Internship Program
  - Career readiness training
  - Alumni mentorship
  - Professional networking opportunities
  - Housing included

## ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time undergraduate student majoring in one of the academic disciplines (any concentration) in the Department of Sociology and in good standing with Purdue University
- Sophomore, junior, or senior with a graduation date of December 2025 or later

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **November 14:** Applications due
- **April 15, 2025:** Students must accept and confirm in writing an in-person internship in Washington, D.C.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following:

- completed application: [bit.ly/SOC\\_DCFellowship](https://bit.ly/SOC_DCFellowship)
- resume with current GPA
- cover letter describing background, interest in the fellowship, and what you would like to achieve with the program
- copy of university transcript
- 2 letters of recommendation from current or previous instructors to be sent by the recommender to Andrea Langrish, [alangris@purdue.edu](mailto:alangris@purdue.edu)

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- The Department of Sociology will select the DC Fellowship award recipients
- Students will work with a faculty member from the Department of Sociology to design a creative internship capstone project to be completed by December 1, 2025.  
Example capstone projects include:
  - Informational presentation on career readiness (i.e, how to get an internship in D.C., policy research on Capitol Hill, researching and writing for thinktanks etc.) – can be in written, video or podcast format
  - Research project on an academic major topic or theory as it applied to the internship or existing faculty guided research
  - Reflection of the internship experience, the skills acquired, challenges, personal growth, professional development, lessons learned, etc. – can be in written, video or podcast format
  - Internship report highlighting specific tasks, projects, duties and responsibilities, achievements, etc...
- The Center for C-SPAN Scholarship & Engagement in cooperation with the Department of Sociology will provide resources, career training, and mentoring to students as they pursue and secure internship opportunities.
- Students must enroll in and successfully complete the requirements of the Boilers Go to D.C. Summer Scholars Internship Program course
  - Students will be matched with an alumni mentor in their field of interest
  - Students are responsible for fees associated with course – scholarships available

## AWARD INFORMATION

- Award funds will be placed directly into the award recipient's bursar account
- Award funds must be used for 2025 Summer Semester and can be used for:
  - Living or travel expenses related to D.C. internship
  - Course fees related to the Boilers Go to D.C. Summer Scholars Internship Program

## QUESTIONS

Please send any questions to Andrea Langrish, Managing Director at [langrish@purdue.edu](mailto:langrish@purdue.edu).

