

Public Finance Fellowships

Deadline: February 15, 2017

The Center for State and Local Finance (CSLF) has established the CSLF Public Finance Fellowship program to recognize and support students who have a commitment to innovative, non-partisan state and local public finance research. The fellowships are awarded annually to incoming or current graduate students in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies who are pursuing an MPA, MPP, or master's degree in economics.

The Public Finance Fellowship offers students an opportunity to work on emerging state and local finance issues in tandem with nationally-ranked AYSPS faculty and CSLF senior research associates. Fellows will perform research, draft briefs and reports, participate in technical assistance projects, and complete other duties as assigned. Research areas include education finance, budgeting and financial management, tax policy and reform, and economic development and urban policy. The fellows' research may be published through CSLF and may be presented at local conferences.

CSLF Public Finance Fellows receive a graduate research assistantship through their home department, which includes a full tuition waiver. Additionally, students receive a stipend of \$5,280 per fall and spring semester, and fellows who work during the summer semester receive an additional \$2,640.

The fellowship is for one year with the option of extending through the summer semester or renewing for an additional year depending on performance. The students selected for this fellowship are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 and work at CSLF 20 hours a week. The CSLF fellowship fulfills the three credit hour MPA/MPP internship requirement.

The fellowship is awarded once a year to incoming or current MPA, MPP, or MA ECON students. Fellows will begin work during the first week of the fall semester.

Application Process:

For applying/incoming students: Complete the general application for fall admission, indicating that you want to apply for a Graduate Research Assistantship, **and** complete [this form](#) by **February 15**.

For current students: Complete [this form](#) by **February 15**.

Selected applicants will be contacted for interviews. The criteria that will be used to select the fellow include high academic achievement and, where possible, experience or knowledge of public finance policy issues and strong research skills. Fellows must demonstrate excellent writing and analytic capabilities.

Minimum Requirements:

- Incoming or current full-time student in AYSPS MPA, MPP, or MA ECON programs
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite
- Excellent writing and analysis skills
- Knowledge of or aptitude for understanding general budgeting and tax concepts and terms

Preferred Qualifications:

- Concentration, classes, or experience in public finance
- GIS and strong MS Excel skills