



PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS

ABOUT THE FELLOWS:

Selected through a highly competitive and selective process by American Councils, fellows represent the next generation of emerging public sector leaders (ages 25 to 35) from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Turkey and Ukraine. The knowledge and interests of our legislative and governance fellows will be expanded through short-term fellowships in a variety of American organizations, universities, and state bodies across the United States that address legislative and governance policy issues.

All fellows are fluent in English and have undergone full orientation programs preparing them for fellowships in the U.S.

Program Dates:
April 28 - May 26, 2017

GO TO EURASIA OR TURKEY!

Fellowship hosts are eligible to apply for reciprocal visits to collaborate with program fellows in their home countries. Joint project proposals selected for funding will support the full cost of travel to fellows' home countries.

Past Placements Have Included:

- Law Library of Congress
- Maryland Commission for Women
- Massachusetts State Legislature
- US Patent and Trade Office

Host a State Department Fellow

American Councils for International Education is seeking to place talented young professionals in government-themed one month fellowships **April 28 – May 26, 2017.**

The fellows are part of the Professional Fellows Program (PFP) with a focus on legislation and governance. PFP is sponsored by U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The goal of the program is to:

- Empower promising leaders from strategically important nations with first-hand experience on the U.S. political system
- Share legislative and regulatory best practices from the U.S. and Eurasia
- Create lasting professional and personal networks between professionals of the U.S. and partner nations.



To learn more about the program visit our website <http://professionalfellows.americancouncils.org>

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Frequently Asked Questions:

What is expected from a host organization? To appoint a dedicated “PFP Fellow Coordinator” who is a) willing to supervise the fellow and liaise weekly with the American Councils and b) who is interested in working with the fellow to develop his or her professional goals both in the United States and in his/her home country. American Councils will work with host organizations to develop meaningful and mutually beneficial fellowship experiences. Templates and guidance in this regard are already available.

What organizations hosted fellows in the past? Fellows are placed in Congressional offices, state legislatures, city halls, other government offices, and NGOs. Our past placements included Law Library of Congress, Office of Congressman Jim McDermott, United States Senator Dan Coats’ Office, Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, California Legislative Counsel, New York General Assembly, Honolulu Mayor’s Office, Office of Hawaii Senator Kalani English, Search for Common Ground, Institute of Medicine, Lawyer’s Committee under Law, and others.

How are fellows selected? They are selected through a competitive nationwide search that involves an extensive written application and in-person interviews with American Councils and U.S. Embassy staff.

Will fellows speak English well enough to perform tasks such as writing memos or answering phone calls? Yes. While a fellow’s English may not be perfect, it will meet strict standards that ensure success in a professional English speaking environment.

How much will fellows know about the US system of government and our office in particular so that they may make the most of their time in the US? American Councils prepares pre-departure reading materials on various topics related to US government. In addition, we will work with hosts to disseminate other information deemed necessary.

What kinds of tasks can a fellow perform? Fellows can perform a wide variety of tasks, ranging from answering constituent letters to independent research. American Councils will work with hosts to design a meaningful and mutually beneficial program based on the fellow’s background and the host’s needs.

How will fellows be monitored? American Councils uses online surveys, email and telephone calls to monitor progress.

What are the obligations of a host? We’d love to have a fellow, but cannot commit to doing a lot of extra work in order to do so. Hosting should not be seen as an obligation but rather a unique opportunity. Past hosts have enjoyed the international perspective fellows brought to their workplace and commented that fellows were able to successfully perform “real” work. American Councils will prepare fellows so that they can “hit the ground running” and will help guide hosts in their preparation for the Fellow’s arrival.

What types of outbound projects will fellows and Americans create? This is entirely up the fellow and host. Past examples include a forum on Black Sea energy challenges, a whirlwind democracy tour of Ukraine, and an overview of the judicial system in Moldova.

What are the odds of being selected to travel outbound? We anticipate that not every host will be willing or able to participate in the outbound portion of the program, so the odds are very good. Dates have not yet been determined, but are tentatively scheduled to begin in Spring 2017 and continue into the summer.