



# GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Office of Governor Bruce Rauner

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## **Overview**

The fellowship program within the Governor's Office of Constituent Affairs provides bright, highly motivated college graduates an opportunity to experience the operations of state government firsthand for one year.

GOCA fellows are recruited from public and private colleges and universities throughout the country. Qualified applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to excellence through academic honors, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, and community/public service involvement.

Fellows will be placed in a position within the Governor's Office of Constituent Affairs, giving them the opportunity to explore their own unique interests within state government. Program participants will connect constituents to crucial state services and promote civic engagement across Illinois, while developing an expertise in state government programs and functions. GOCA fellowships are based in Springfield, Illinois.

GOCA fellows are paid \$31,332 annually and receive full state benefits. Two fellowship placements are currently offered each year within the Governor's Office of Constituent Affairs.

## **Objectives**

Through the fellowship program in the Governor's Office of Constituent Affairs, we hope to accomplish the following:

- Offer a governmental initiative to meet the public sector's future need for competent administrators
- Provide a public sector management training program that encourages talented college graduates to consider careers in state government
- Enable college graduates to supplement their academic backgrounds with practical, on-the-job experience

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must have at least a bachelor's degree, or will complete bachelor's degree prior to fellowship's commencement
- Must have completed degree program no more than 18 months prior to fellowship's commencement
- Complete and submit an application, résumé, cover letter, and policy essay
- Submit official school transcript(s)
- Submit two letters of recommendation

**To receive application instructions and materials, submit a statement of interest and your contact information to [GOV.GOCA@ILLINOIS.GOV](mailto:GOV.GOCA@ILLINOIS.GOV)**