

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

2018 Science Policy Fellowship

About the fellowship

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services offers an outstanding opportunity for a Science Policy Fellow. The Fellow will be a critical member of our Science Advisory team that works across the department to foster cutting edge, interdisciplinary studies under the guidance of the department's Deputy Commissioner and Chief Science Officer. With a home office in the state's capitol building in beautiful north central Florida (or other Florida sites as requested), the Fellow will have a selection of a wide variety of hands-on projects throughout the state, traveling as little or as much as his/her interests dictate.

A sampling of projects include participating in the Division of Aquaculture's development of aquaculture use zones in the Gulf of Mexico, the Division of Agriculture Environmental Services' conehead termite eradication efforts in southeast Florida, implementation of pollinator protection plans or citrus greening control work by the Division of Plant Industry staff in central Florida, the Division of Animal Industry's laboratory innovation implementation, and the execution of the new FDA Food Safety Modernization Act through the Division of Food Safety. Additional projects could include working with other divisions and offices within the department such as the Office of Water Policy, Policy and Budget or the Florida Forest Service.

Because the Commissioner is an elected official and one of three members of the State Cabinet to the Governor, the Fellow will have ample opportunity to participate in policy analysis. We look forward to providing an enriching and rewarding fellowship experience.

Contact Gabrielle.Diaz@freshfromflorida.com (850) 617-7700 for more information. Applications **Due November 27, 2017.**



What We Do:

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Science Policy Fellow Program was created from the belief that the best way to ensure Florida's greatness is to actively educate and cultivate its future leaders.

This program immerses university students or new graduates in a key area of state government. During this year-long tenure in Tallahassee, the Fellow will receive advanced on-the-job training as well as an invaluable front-line view of the inner workings of government as it relates to science policy. The Fellow will actively participate in diverse programs, interact closely with FDACS' top leaders and employ their skills and abilities in a highly rewarding environment.

Who We Need:

The best and the brightest! Only the most exceptional Florida current or recent graduate students are selected for this prestigious fellowship.

Demonstrated achievement is an important place to start; however it takes more than that to be a Science Policy Fellow. Fellows are passionate about public service and making our incredible state even better. They work well with partners and colleagues from a diverse spectrum of backgrounds, cultures and political affiliations.

They think on their feet and take the initiative when opportunities arise, conceive innovative solutions and contribute to major decisions. Sometimes all on their first day!



Logistics:

This program is open to graduate or recent graduate students statewide. Each Fellow's experience is unique, thanks to the broad diversity of projects through which they express their talents.

The Fellow lives and works in Tallahassee throughout the program year, January 8-December 28, 2018 (unless otherwise arranged). Housing is entirely the Fellow's responsibility.

For their project work, Fellows are considered Other Personal Services (OPS) employees and are paid \$21 per hour for their work week, which can range from 20 to 40 hours. They are treated as high-level staff and are expected to perform at that level.

The Fellow directs an independent case study by identifying a problem confronting the Floridians today and in the future. The Fellow is expected to take the lead in determining solutions to this issue - conducting comprehensive research, interviewing involved parties and individuals and proposing a sound solution through a policy proposal.



Application: Please send a file including the information below as well as a letter of reference to Gabrielle.Diaz@freshfromflorida.com (850-617-7700) by November 27, 2017.

Personal Information

- Name
- Permanent Mailing Address
- Phone
- Email
- Citizenship
- Date of Birth
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony or first degree misdemeanor?

Education

List post-secondary education institutions/dates attended/degrees

Essay Questions (in 500 words or less each)

- What do you consider is your most significant personal achievement and why?
- What is your reason for applying and what do you expect to gain from the experience?
- Describe your life's aspirations, what do you hope to achieve and where do you see yourself in 10 years?





FAQs

What is the selection timeline? Applications are due November 27, 2017. Prospective Fellows will be interviewed and selected by December 11, 2017 to begin January 8, 2018.

What are the eligibility requirements? Applicants should be graduate students or have recently graduated with a Master's or terminal degree.

Is there an age restriction? No

Will applicants undergo security and background checks? Yes

Is the Fellow compensated? Yes, as an Other Personal Services (OPS) at the rate of \$21/hour for up to 40 hours/week.