



# FELLOWS PROGRAM

**THE IOP'S FELLOWS PROGRAM BRINGS A DIVERSE COHORT OF ELECTED POLITICAL OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS, POLICYMAKERS, AND JOURNALISTS TO CAMPUS EACH ACADEMIC QUARTER TO LEAD WEEKLY SEMINARS, ENGAGE WITH STUDENTS, AND PURSUE PROJECTS OF THEIR CHOOSING.**

Each Fellows class includes a range of perspectives and experiences across ideologies, professional sectors, and geography. Recent fellows include Republican strategist Stuart Stevens, former Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, former Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, former White House advisor Dan Pfeiffer, journalist Amy Walter, and former Pakistani Ambassador Husain Haqqani.

While on campus, IOP Fellows lead weekly non-credit discussion seminars on issues of local, national and international importance. These 75-minute, off-the-record sessions take place at the IOP House and are open to University students, faculty, staff, and community members. Fellows often invite notable guests to participate in these seminars, such as former Obama speechwriter Jon Favreau, Snapchat's Peter Hamby, American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten and Palestinian think tank director Omar Shaban. Fellows receive a stipend and housing accommodations and they work closely with student ambassadors who assist them with their work on campus. Social activities and informal dinners further strengthen the bonds between Fellows, creating lasting friendships that bridge political divides.

The IOP's Fellows Program presents a unique opportunity for political professionals to learn and grow. Whether it is engaging with students and faculty, auditing classes, or conducting research, the IOP's Fellows Program provides a rare opportunity to engage in 10 weeks of paid enrichment at one of the world's great universities.

Time away from the daily political grind enables Fellows to form new relationships and gain fresh insights so that they can return to their jobs with enhanced perspective.

For more information on how to become a Fellow, please visit [politics.uchicago.edu](http://politics.uchicago.edu).

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"This has been beyond my wildest expectations. On a personal level, probably the biggest thing I took away was the notion that there is hope. The notion that this generation is somehow disengaged and that they spend all of their time on their smartphones and social media—my experience, at least here, is that couldn't be further from the truth. These young men and women are really engaged and I dare say, probably more than my generation was."

- TOM DART, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois