

2015-2016 NYC Service Fellowship Program

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I determine if I am eligible?

Eligibility is based on the date applicants received their undergraduate degree (BA, BS). Eligible candidates must have received their Bachelor's Degree between Spring 2011 and Spring 2015. **The NYC Service Fellows program is designed for recent college graduates.**

Do I have to be a US citizen to apply?

Applicants do not have to be US citizens. However, applicants must be able to demonstrate their eligibility to work in the United States after graduation and for the entire fellowship period. Applicants must meet the criteria set forth by the I-9, "Employment Eligibility Verification," from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The NYC Service Fellows Program does not sponsor work visas.

Can I go to graduate school part-time or at night while serving as a NYC Service Fellow?

Fellows are expected to commit full-time to the twelve-month fellowship. Due to the intensive nature of the fellowship, Fellows may not attend graduate school at the same time. If you are already enrolled in a master's degree program, you will need to suspend studies during the duration of this fellowship. **Fellows cannot hold second jobs or participate in any other programs or fellowships while a NYC Service Fellow.**

Can I defer my acceptance for one year?

No. Finalists must decide if they will accept the fellowship for the year or release the spot for an alternate. If eligible, a candidate can re-apply.

Can I re-apply to the program and use the two essays I already submitted?

Applicants may re-apply if they are still eligible, but must submit a new application and revised application materials.

Is there an age limit to apply to this program?

There is no age limit to apply to the program as long as the applicant is eligible.

How much are NYC Service Fellows paid?

Fellows receive a taxable stipend of \$45,768 for the twelve-month fellowship. Health insurance (not including vision or dental) is also provided by the City. Some options are free and some have additional costs taken by payroll deductions. Fellows choose the option that works best for them.

Does the City pay the NYC Service Fellows relocation and/or housing expenses?

The City does not pay for relocation and housing expenses. Fellows are expected to secure their own housing arrangements.

When will I be told if I am invited to interview?

Applicants invited to interview will be notified by email once review of all applications is completed – week of July 6th.

When will I be notified if I have been selected as a NYC Service Fellow?

If you are offered the position of 2015-2016 NYC Service Fellow, you will be notified by July 23rd via email. Email notification will also be sent to those who could not be offered this fellowship.