

**James H. Dunn, Jr. Memorial Fellowship
Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: What is the timeline for the program?

A: The program is a yearlong position that goes from August 1st to July 31st. The first week as a Dunn Fellow will consist of orientation and on-boarding sessions which includes the completion of official employment and benefit documents.

Q: What employment benefits do Dunn Fellows enjoy?

A: All Dunn Fellows receive an annual salary of \$31,332 (\$2,611/month). They receive full state benefits for the duration of their employment including health insurance, deferred compensation, etc. Although the Dunn Fellows work within the Governor's Office, the program is administered and paid by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services.

Q: What is the work schedule for the Dunn Fellows?

A: The Dunn Fellow position is a fulltime position. Fellows are expected to work five days a week, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding the work day at 5:00 p.m. (with a one-hour lunch). The normal week of a Dunn Fellow is a 37.5-hour work week. Extenuating circumstances (legislative session, media tours, etc.), may require work during late nights and weekends. Fellows are given compensatory time off in return for additional hours worked.

Q: Is the Governor's office responsible for arranging housing and travel for the Dunn Fellows?

A: No, the arrangement of housing and travel to the location of the Dunn Fellow's posting is the responsibility of that Dunn Fellow. When a provisional offer is extended, please feel free to reach out to the current class of Dunn Fellows for advice on how to move forward.

Q: Who else is in my class of Dunn Fellows?

A: Once the selection and prequalification process is completed, an official announcement will be made. The Governor's office will be able to provide names and contact information for the rest of your class.

Q: What kind of career development options are there?

A: The Dunn Fellowship has alumni throughout the state in a wide range of professional capacities. The Governor's office is currently in the process of reaching out to the vast and accomplished alumni network to directly involve them in the Fellow program as mentors, speakers, or instructors.

Q: Do the Dunn Fellows automatically receive a job once their term is completed?

A: Further employment in the Governor's Office or State Government after completion of the program is not guaranteed.

Q: If I have specific questions regarding the Dunn Fellow Program who should I contact?

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