

Cal in Sacramento 2006-2007 Platinum Fellowship Application

For 32 years, the Cal in Sacramento Platinum Fellowship Program has provided students of diverse backgrounds with an opportunity to experience California's state capital. For eight intense weeks, Fellows work in the offices of Senate and Assembly members, the governor's office, state agencies, nonprofit groups, or media organizations. Fellows get first-hand experience in one of the most dynamic political environments in the country, and build the skills that are essential to California's next generation of leaders. The summer is preceded by a spring semester Political Science Seminar designed to augment the interns' knowledge about California politics and policymaking and strengthen their career development. Work experience, intellectual development and a supportive community are all part of Cal in Sacramento.

Benefits of the Program:

Summer Internships

We provide you with connections to some of the most desired offices in Sacramento. We help you define your career interests and tailor your search for the most appropriate internship. We do not, however, give you an internship. You must be an active participant in your internship search. Past interns have worked in the Governor's Office, the Attorney General's Office, State Senate and Assembly Offices, the Department of Education and other state agencies, non-profit organizations, political consultants and more. Internships run approximately from the end of the academic year to the end of July. Internships are unpaid, although modest need-based living stipends may be available. The information submitted on the Housing Scholarship application will also be used to determine the award of living stipends.

Housing

Fellows are housed in shared rooms in private apartments. 2006 Fellows were housed at the Adagio Guest Suites, which may also be used for 2007 Fellows. Housing scholarships are provided for those with financial need. We anticipate that we will be able to provide housing scholarships for all Fellows with a demonstrated need, although scholarships are not guaranteed.

Spring Semester 2-Unit Political Science Seminar (Political Science 110B, time TBA)
Learn about California politics and policymaking direct from legislators, lobbyists, and other top professionals in the field. Weekly guest speakers will inform and engage you in dialogue about pressing issues facing California. The class is taught by former legislators, and the faculty advisor for Political Science 110B is Professor Bruce Cain, Director of the Institute of Governmental Studies.

Responsibilities:

- Attend and participate in the spring seminar and program events.
- Seek and complete an 8-week summer internship in Sacramento.

Questions?

- Attend the **Cal in Sacramento Platinum Fellowship informational session – Monday, September 25, 7:00 pm** in the IGS Library
- Contact the Center on Politics at 510-642-9429, or via email at calinsacramento@berkeley.edu, or visit politics.berkeley.edu.

Cal in Sacramento Platinum Fellowship Application Instructions

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a registered UC Berkeley undergraduate for Fall 2006 and Spring 2007.
- Must take Political Science 110B during Spring 2007.
- Must find and complete a summer internship in Sacramento from approximately the end of the academic year to the end of July.
- All majors are encouraged to apply.
- Graduating seniors are encouraged to apply.

Selection Criteria:

Interns will be selected based on the strength of their written applications and personal interviews. Interest in learning about and participating in governance, policymaking, politics and/or other related topics, and the ability to articulate this interest, are essential.

Selection Process:

Step One: Complete and submit the attached application, which will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Return to Juanito Rus at the Center on Politics (102 Moses Hall), or via email at calinsacramento@berkeley.edu. If you wish to apply for a housing scholarship or living stipend, please also return the attached Housing Application.

Step Two: Top candidates will be contacted and invited to a personal interview.

Step Three: Fellows will be selected by November 8, 2006. Each candidate will be notified directly of the Selection Committee's decision.

Application Deadline: **Applications are due on Friday, October 13 no later than 5:00 PM.**

Good luck on your application and thanks for your interest in Cal in Sacramento!

Section 1: Biographical Information

Name: _____

SID #: _____ Social Security #: _____

Campus Address: _____

Campus Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Permanent Phone: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Class Year: *(please circle one)* FRESHMAN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR

Major (declared or intended): _____

Minor (declared or intended): _____

Section 2: Internship Interest

On a separate sheet of paper, briefly elaborate on your interest in the Cal in Sacramento Platinum Fellowship Program. The Selection Committee is interested in your specific policy and political interests and how you will benefit academically and/or professionally from interning in a political and/or policy office in Sacramento. Please limit your response to two double-spaced pages.

Section 3: Supporting Documents

One copy of your Resume: Include relevant employment, volunteer experiences and extracurricular activities. Contact Information for two (2) references: Name, phone, email, address, and a brief description of their familiarity with your work and/or academic experience.

Email or drop off your completed application to:

Juanito Rus Assistant Program Director Center on Politics Institute of Governmental Studies102
Moses Hall Berkeley, CA 94720 510-642-9429 calinsacramento@berkeley.edu

DEADLINE: Friday, October 13, 2006

CAL IN SACRAMENTO PLATINUM FELLOWSHIP HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP & LIVING STIPEND APPLICATION

Housing scholarships and living stipends are provided based on financial need. The amount of your housing scholarship is determined by your level of need and the number of Fellows needing scholarships. We anticipate that we will be able to provide housing scholarships for all Fellows with a demonstrated need, although scholarships are not guaranteed.

Section 1:

If you receive financial aid from UC Berkeley during the school year, please attach a copy of your Fall 2006 Financial Aid Award Letter.

OR

If you do not receive financial aid from UC Berkeley, please attach a copy of your family's most recent W2 or income tax return forms and the number of dependents in your family. Please also describe briefly why you should receive a need-based scholarship.

Section 2: [OPTIONAL]

Please provide any additional information that may give us a clearer picture of your family's financial situation for the Summer 2007.