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2024 Fellowship Offerings

Student Information Session

Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative



- Equips mayors and senior city officials with **training, tools, and support** to tackle challenges and **improve quality of life** for residents
- Advances the field of city leadership through **research, new curriculum, and instructional materials**
- Inspires **future generations** of effective city leaders

Fellowships Overview



City Hall Fellowship

Post-graduate two-year placement in Bloomberg Harvard city halls across the U.S.



Summer Fellowship

10-week work placements in Bloomberg Harvard Mayors' Offices around the world

The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative is the flagship program of the **Bloomberg Center for Cities**, a university-wide center committed to improving public management, leadership, and governance.

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Summer Fellowship

Summer Fellowship Context and Goals

Summer Fellows add critical, short-term capacity and help cities to:

- Deploy analytical, collaborative, and innovative problem-solving skills to make progress on a chosen priority issue.
- Reflect on current practices, gain awareness of promising practices deployed in other cities, and experiment with new approaches.
- Access new technologies and leverage and invest in new skills.

In turn, Summer Fellows gain:

- Exposure to and a deeper understanding of city government.
- An opportunity to have an impact on a pressing challenge and improve resident lives.



Summer Fellowship Expectations

- Completion of 10 weeks
- Professionalism in all interactions with city
- Willingness to dive into equity issues related to the project
- Strong work ethic and commitment to excellence
- Humility, curiosity, and willingness to learn
- Accountability to the project and desire to troubleshoot (with city or Bloomberg Harvard) challenges
- Thorough completion of city-specific deliverables including final presentation to the mayor
- Participation in bi-weekly cohort meetings and professional development workshops
- End-of-Summer write up provided to Bloomberg Harvard



2024 Summer Fellows Receive

- \$9,000 stipend + travel support
- Support from faculty advisors and Bloomberg Harvard staff throughout the fellowship
- Dedicated senior-level city supervisors responsible for support, feedback, and implementation of key project recommendations after the fellowship concludes
- Opportunity to apply a variety of skillsets including process improvement, strategic planning and implementation, design-thinking, performance management, and assessing program effectiveness
- Opportunity to present to mayors at the culmination of the fellowship
- Possibility to share insights and impact from fellowship with the broader Harvard community through speaking events and published pieces
- Possibility to continue to work with the Bloomberg Center for Cities as a research assistant or in other roles





Who Should Apply?

- Harvard graduate students (including Class of 2024 graduates)
- Students with strong skills and ability in the following areas: data analysis, stakeholder management, qualitative analysis, financial modeling, mapping (GIS), policy analysis, design thinking, and writing and editing
- Select projects for 2024 may require language fluency (i.e. Spanish)
- Self-starters able to work independently as well as in teams
- Students with a passion and interest in the future of cities and desire to bring a thoughtful equity lens to the work



2024 Summer Fellowship Application Process

Note: Dates may shift.



Application Opens — Late January 2024



Application Closes — Early February 2024
(multi-round application)



City Interviews — Mid February 2024



Fellowship Offers Extended — Early March 2024



Cohort Selected — March 18, 2024



Orientation and Pre-Departure Workshops — April 19 & 20, 2024



2023 Summer Fellow Project Examples

Civic Engagement

- **Riverside, California:** Supporting and Further Strengthening Civic Engagement Efforts in Riverside

Climate Action

- **Glasgow, Scotland:** Advancing Glasgow's GreenPrint for Investment & Green New Deal
- **South Yorkshire, United Kingdom:** Net Zero by 2040: Using Data to Craft a Compelling Vision for a Sustainable Transition
- **Vancouver, Washington:** Equity in Climate Action: Establishing a Frontline Communities Advisory Panel on Climate Resilience and Mitigation
- **West of England, United Kingdom:** Unlocking Environmental Action: Using Engagement Insight to Shape Action
- **West Yorkshire, United Kingdom:** Engaging the Private Rented Sector in Retrofitting

Community – Centered Justice

- **Milwaukee, Wisconsin:** Establishing and Developing a Municipal Community Court

Equitable Economic Development

- **Durham, North Carolina:** Equitable City Contracting: Increasing Participation of Minority and Women Underutilized Business Enterprises

Government and Technology

- **Monterrey, Mexico:** Government Digitalization: Establishing the Data Foundations for Monterrey's Smart City Agenda
- **Toledo, Ohio:** Crafting a Resident-Focused Smart City Strategy and Action Plan for Toledo

Healthy Food Access

- **Rochester, New York:** Let's All Eat: Improving Access to Healthy Foods and Reducing Health Disparities

Inclusive Governance

- **Allentown, Pennsylvania:** City of Spanglish Speakers: Solidifying Language Access in Allentown
- **Lusaka, Zambia:** Improving Local Area Planning Processes to be more Inclusive and Replicable

Neighborhood Reinvestment

- **Cleveland, Ohio:** Creating Generational Wealth through Program Development for State Forfeiture Parcels



Meet the Team

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