

## Governor Phil Murphy

# Governor Murphy and Civil Service Chair Allison Chris Myers Announce Second Year of Governor's Fellows Program

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*Governor's Fellows Program Will Continue To Expand State Employment Opportunities for Emerging Professionals Specializing in Public Policy*

**TRENTON** – Governor Murphy and Civil Service Chair Allison Chris Myers announced a second year of the Governor's Fellows Program, a State employment program designed to offer a pathway to recent graduates and emerging professionals interested in pursuing a career in public service. Following a successful revival this past year, the program allows State offices to build upon last year's progress in expanding opportunities and reducing barriers to public employment.

Governor's Fellows are offered opportunities to work in key policy and programmatic areas across state government. Establishing a new cohort of fellows across departments also helps grow and diversify the State's workforce.

"We are proud to kick off another incredible year of our Governor's Fellows Program," said **Governor Murphy**. "The program has allowed us to identify and connect with qualified and passionate individuals looking to make a positive impact on state government. We are able to match prospective state employees with roles that pertain to their individual interests and skillsets. This initiative strengthens our workforce while simultaneously building and supporting the next generation of leaders."

The re-launch of the Governor's Fellows Program last year had 14 State agencies each hosting a fellow beginning in September 2023. This year, there are 15 agencies each seeking a Fellow in critical public policy areas, such as food security, homelessness prevention, and AI equity.

"The New Jersey Governor's Fellows Program is an exceptional avenue for people to enter state positions whether they are individuals with education and experience, young professionals, or recent college graduates," said **Allison Chris Myers, New Jersey Civil Service Commission (CSC) Chair & Chief Executive Officer**. "This Fellows Program is an awesome opportunity for people to learn the workings of New Jersey state government and become acquainted with all that a career in public service has to offer. I encourage all who are eligible and interested in this program to apply, as they will gain immeasurable experience and knowledge in the area of business in which they are interested, as well as direct access to mentorship and networking opportunities from the Governor's Office. CSC is committed to attracting and retaining diverse talent in our civil service workforce, which this program supports."

Governor's Fellows have a commitment of one-year of employment within their specific State agency, and may be considered for long-term employment by the host department at the close of their tenure. The Governor's Office provides mentorship and networking opportunities to Fellows, who will begin their state government career with the support of the Governor's Office and the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

Eligibility for the Governor's Fellows Program will be based on several qualifications, including effective communication and teamwork skills, established excellence in professional or academic achievement, proven leadership ability, and a demonstrated commitment to public policy.

Applications for the 2024-2025 fellowship year are open until the June 14th deadline. Interviews will be held throughout the summer, with an expected start date for new fellows in September 2024.

Click [here \(https://nj.gov/governor/admin/fellows/\)](https://nj.gov/governor/admin/fellows/) for a list of the departments hiring Governor's Fellows and for more information on how to apply.

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