

Policy and Research Legislative Fellows Program

Info Session | Thursday, December 7, 2023



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Agenda

- Program overview & eligibility
- Application process and timeline
- Hear from a current fellow
- Q&A



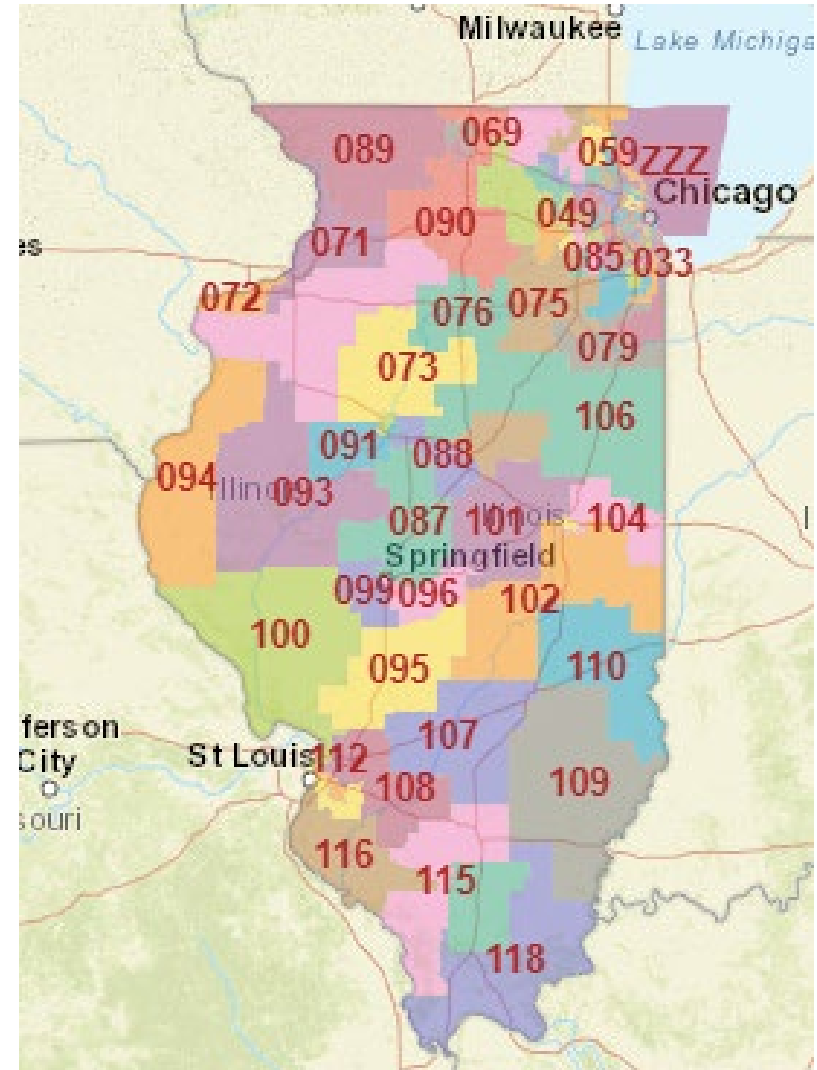
Goals of the Program

- Leverage research expertise of UIUC graduate students to help local legislators develop evidence-based policy
- Provide UIUC graduate students with experience connecting research to real-world policy
- Based out of the Center for Social and Behavioral Science



Program Overview

- Started Summer 2022
- Work with a local legislator (state senator or representative) on a policy research question relevant to their district
- Up to 50% appointment – for summer, academic year, or both
- Programming at UIUC -
 - Policy Summit
 - Policy Communication Workshop
 - Data Visualization Workshop
 - Cost-Benefit Analysis Seminar



Program eligibility

- ✓ Current graduate student at UIUC
- ✓ Eligible to hold an RA position within your department
- ✓ Able to participate in periodic, in-person programming at UIUC

Application Requirements (due Jan. 15)

- CV
- Transcripts (unofficial ok)
- Cover letter
- 2 references
 - People familiar with your scholarly or policy work
- Short answer questions

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Timeline



Current Legislators and Projects



Senator Paul Faraci
(D)

Disability
policy



Representative
Mike Marron (R)

Clean energy
incentives,
youth
workforce
development



Representative
Carol Ammons
(D)

Higher
education,
family
reunification

Hear from a current student – Tessa Clarizio

PhD Candidate – Civil &
Environmental
Engineering

PRLF Fellow – Representative Mike Marron

Questions?



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