



Religion and Civil Society Fellowship

Are you a seminary student or a grad student studying religion and public life? Would you benefit from a semester in our nation's capital exploring the intersection of faith, government, and civil society?

The Religion and Civil Society Fellowship provides an opportunity for select seminary students to work alongside Heritage Foundation experts while researching the implications of religious faith for a healthy social order.

The Fellowship

Established at The Heritage Foundation in 2004, the DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society works to strengthen and protect religion, family and community at the level of both principle and policy. Toward this end, the center endeavors to shape a healthy public discourse concerning faith and public life and to integrate serious reflection on the role of religion and civil society across policy areas.

This fellowship is designed to help future pastors and religious leaders understand the relations between the church, the family, government, business, and other institutions of society and the roles they play in meeting people's needs and sustaining ordered liberty. Such an understanding will serve participants not only in their personal studies and development but also in their future ministry and congregational leadership.

Fellows will read and attend lectures and briefings to gain a basic familiarity and understanding of public policy issues, such as free market economics, poverty, welfare, health care, education, the environment, family, religious liberty, and church-state relations. An emphasis will be placed on integrating these different issues into a coherent framework and articulating them to a lay audience.

To gain a better understanding of how such issues play out in Washington, D.C., fellows will also have the opportunity to meet with leaders working at the intersection of faith and civic life.

In addition, fellows will conduct research, which may include interviews and on-site visits to government social service offices, churches, and faith-based organizations serving community needs. These experiences will assist fellows in creating educational resources that will benefit their peers and future parishioners. They will also provide opportunities for fellows to contribute to Heritage Foundation products and resources.

Where: Fellows will work alongside staff in the DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C.

When: This Fellowship runs for three-months and is usually offered during spring, summer and fall terms.

Compensation: This is a paid fellowship.

To Apply: Please send the following completed items to Religion and Civil Society Fellowship, DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society, The Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. 20002:

- *A curriculum vita*
- Written answers to several short-length questions (see attached)
- A larger writing sample (up to 5,000 words), preferably related to an issue of public or political life
- Two references—one each from a professor and a church leader (print copies of attached form to provide to your references)

A follow-up interview will be required for finalists.

For more information, call 202.608.6208



Application for Religion and Civil Society Fellowship

Name				
Home or Permanent Address				
Address at School			Send correspondence to:	
Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail		
Birthday				
Are you authorized to work in the U.S.?				
Graduate School	Date of Graduation	Degree Sought		GPA
Undergraduate School	Date of Graduation	Major	Minor	GPA
References (Print copies of attached form to provide to your references.)				
Name		Title	Institution	
Address		Phone	E-mail	
Professor or Church Leader (circle one)				
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Application Questions

Please answer each question within 500 words.

- Explain why you chose to pursue graduate work in divinity/theology and why you chose your present program and university/seminary.
- Explain why you are interested in a Religion and Civil Society Fellowship and what you hope to achieve in this position at The Heritage Foundation.
- What are your career plans? How might a Religion and Civil Society Fellowship serve your goals in that role?
- What are three books that have informed your thinking and best characterize your interests in pursuing a fellowship related to religion, public policy, and civil society?
- Please list any undergraduate or graduate level courses you have taken in the fields of government, public policy, political or social thought, economics, or ethics.
- Describe past jobs, internships, volunteer experiences, events, etc., in which you have pursued civic engagement. What did you learn the most from those experiences?
- Which modern-day political leader best represents your view of honorable statesmanship, good leadership, and sound public policy?



Candidate Evaluation:

To: _____
(Person Providing Evaluation)

Candidate: _____
(Name of Applicant)

Thank you for taking the time to evaluate the above applicant to the Religion and Civil Society Fellowship at The Heritage Foundation. Using your institution's letterhead, please provide a candid evaluation of the applicant that includes the following information.

- How long have you known the applicant?
- What are the applicant's primary strengths? In what ways have you seen these strengths demonstrated?
- What are the applicant's weaknesses?
- How suited is the applicant to work in a professional public policy environment?
- To your knowledge, is the applicant respected among his/her peers, colleagues, and authorities?
- How well does the applicant engage with people of different views and perspectives from his/her own?
- How would you describe the applicant's writing ability?
- How would you describe the applicant's intellectual ability?
- How would you describe the applicant's personal integrity?

Please sign and date your evaluation, place it in a sealed envelope, sign your name over the seal, and return the envelope to the applicant or mail it directly to: Religion and Civil Society Fellowship, The DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society, The Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002.