21st Century Preservation Leaders Fellowship FAQs

Is the term of the Fellowship flexible?

The advertised term ranges from six to nine months. There is flexibility within that range subject to negotiation between the Fellow and the sponsors.

Is the starting date of January 2023 for the Fellowship flexible?

There is some flexibility as to a start date in January but program content requires that the Fellow start during that month.

Can a Fellow participate part-time?

This is a full-time program. However, a schedule that enables a Fellow to work at their existing job for one day a week or some similar arrangement may be negotiated with the sponsors.

Is certification from a candidate’s employer that the candidate can participate as required in the program necessary?

Yes. Candidates that reach the final round of the application process will be required to provide such certification.

Can a Fellow participate remotely?

The Fellowship is an experiential program and we expect the Fellow to be in DC on a full-time basis. That said, there are likely to be times where work, such as assigned research or writing, might be conducted remotely.

Must a candidate have work experience in the historic preservation field in order to qualify?

The program seeks to engage early professionals who have demonstrated proficiency and leadership potential in a work setting. That experience need not be in a strictly preservation-oriented position, but may include related fields like architecture, law, government, finance, real estate, and the like. The program is looking for an applicant's desire and commitment to pursue historic preservation as part of their career.

Could a tribal, state, or local government employee participate through the Intergovernmental Personnel Exchange Act?

This is under investigation. Please check back later.

What factors determine the amount of the stipend?

The program offers a stipend of up to $40,000. The exact amount is determined by the length of the Fellowship.
Does the Fellowship stipend cover relocation expenses or travel to and from home during the Fellowship?

No, these are the responsibility of the Fellow.

Does the Fellowship provide any additional funds for housing in addition to the stipend?

No, the stipend can be used for housing expenses, but there is no housing supplement.

Are there any special deals for lodging in the DC area during the Fellowship?

This is under investigation. Please check back later.

Do travel expenses related to Fellowship activities, such as out-of-town meetings or conferences, come out of the Fellowship stipend?

If the prescribed program for the Fellow calls for travel or related expenses, those costs will be covered by the sponsors.

Can a Fellow take leave during the term of the Fellowship?

This may be negotiated with the sponsors.

Does the Fellowship provide any health care coverage?

No, the Fellow would be expected to maintain their existing health care coverage.

Where would the Fellow physically work?

The Fellow will have an equipped workspace at the headquarters of the ACHP, located in the National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW, Washington, DC. On occasion, the Fellow may be temporarily located at the offices of an organization participating in the program. These too would be in Washington.