

**Connecticut General Assembly
JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP
Office of Legislative Research**

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Open To: The Public
Location: Hartford
Hours: 15-20 hours per week
Salary Range: \$150.00 per day
Closing Time & Date: 5:00pm on November 4, 2022

The Connecticut General Assembly's Office of Legislative Research (OLR) seeks qualified, current graduate school students to help its staff conduct nonpartisan policy and legal research for the 2023 legislative session, which runs from January 4, 2023, to June 9, 2023. Selected candidates will perform timely research for legislators proposing new laws and policies during the legislative session. Seasoned OLR analysts, who are either attorneys or hold other graduate degrees, will provide the fellows with training and review all draft research reports and other work products. Finished reports will be delivered to legislators and published on the OLR website. Fellows' published work provides a great source of writing samples for future professional use. OLR fellows have gone on to employment in all three branches of Connecticut state government, with federal agencies, and in private law practice or industry.

Preferred Skills & Abilities

Candidates for the fellowship should possess excellent writing and analytical skills and, by the start of the fellowship, must have completed at least one semester of course work in a graduate degree program in public administration, government, law, public policy, political science, criminal justice, or a related field.

Selected students will be required to work 15 to 20 hours per week. The fellowship is paid and participants may also earn credit from their college or university.

Application Instructions:

Qualified students should submit a resume and cover letter via email by 5:00 pm on November 4, 2022, to OLRFellowship@cga.ct.gov at OLR (include "graduate fellowship" in the subject line).

AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The State of Connecticut is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and strongly encourages the applications of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities.



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Graduate Fellowship Program — Testimonials

“Working at OLR as a Graduate Fellow is incredibly rewarding. Everyone in the office cares about their work, about their colleagues, and about the legislative process. Though the fellowship lasted only a matter of months, everyone at OLR welcomed me, provided me with in-depth training and feedback, and assured me that my work was appreciated. I can’t recommend the fellowship enough. My time at OLR has made me a better writer, researcher, and professional.”

**-- Alison Walker
UConn Law, 2022**

“If you’re seeking a challenging and rewarding experience this is the one for you. An OLR fellowship is a great way to garner first-hand knowledge of the legislative process while enhancing your research and writing skills. OLR goes above and beyond in preparing and training you to be a successful analytical writer and provides fellows with writing samples for future internships and employment opportunities. I would strongly encourage any law student with an interest in government and public policy to take the time to apply.”

**-- Paul Mandel
UConn Law, 2019**

“As a graduate fellow in the Office of Legislative Research, I had the opportunity to see the policy-making process in Connecticut up close and take the lead role on a number of projects. I ended the fellowship knowing I had a firm grasp on the legislative process and that I had gained useful research and writing skills. I would highly recommend the fellowship to anyone interested in law, public policy, or current events.”

**-- Andrew Bolger
UConn Public Policy, 2018**

“Serving as an OLR Fellow is a very special opportunity. The work environment is intellectually challenging, dynamic, and fun. The people you will work with are smart, resourceful, and supportive. I’ve grown as a person and professional through my fellowship experience.”

**-- Olivia Roman
Eastern Connecticut State University, 2018**



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“My time as a legislative fellow was really invaluable. As a fellow, I had the opportunity to see the legislative process in action, research and understand a variety of areas of law and policy, and have my work published.

“I left this fellowship a better researcher and a more disciplined writer. I'm a lawyer now, and as I look back on my fellowship, I think the best skill I developed was the ability to boil down a complex, technical area of law to its most simple, accessible form. I can't recommend this fellowship highly enough.”

**-- Megan Gentry
UConn Law, 2015**