The Governor’s Office James H. Dunn, Jr. Memorial Fellowship

The Dunn Fellowship Program provides bright, highly motivated college graduates a unique opportunity to experience firsthand the operations of state government for one year.

Dunn Fellows are recruited from public and private colleges and universities throughout the nation. Qualified applicants must hold a bachelor's degree at the program’s commencement and must have demonstrated a commitment to excellence through academic honors, leadership ability, extracurricular activities and community/public service involvement. The program begins on the first weekday in August and ends on July 31st of the following year.

Fellows spend one week of August receiving an orientation to state government including tours, policy discussions, a panel of program alumni and a brown bag lunch with senior staff among other activities. After the orientation period, fellows return to their home office to work under the direction of their supervisor.

Dunn Fellows are paid $31,332 annually and receive full state benefits.

Visit the Applying for the James H. Dunn, Jr. Memorial Fellowship page to learn more about applying.

Positions in the current 2016-2017 class of Dunn Fellows include:

- Legislative Affairs
- Office of Management & Budget
- Governmental Affairs & Outreach
- General Counsel (J.D. Required)
- Communications
- Federal Affairs
- Policy
- Government Transformation and Metrics

A majority of Fellows will be based in Springfield with limited placements in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Questions & Concerns

If you have further questions about the James H. Dunn, Jr. Memorial Fellowship, please contact Alex Caton, Dunn Fellow to the Chief of Staff at (312) 814-5969 or Alexander.Caton@illinois.gov

Please note only completed applications emailed to Gov.DunnFellowshipApp@illinois.gov will be considered for the fellowship.