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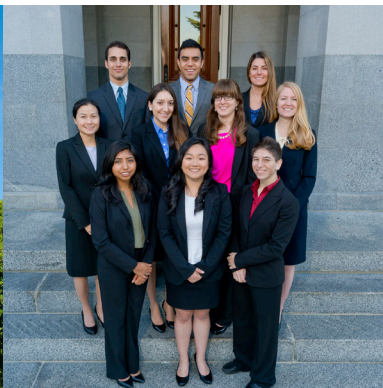
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

a dynamic 10-month fellowship working in court administration

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The seal of the Judicial Council of California is a large, faint watermark in the background. It features a central figure holding a scale and a sword, surrounded by the text "JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA" and "1927".

The Judicial Administration Fellowship Experience

Judicial Administration Fellows work in courts across California, gaining direct experience in the **management** of a complex and changing court environment. Courts do much more than adjudicate cases. In the service of promoting access to justice for everyone, Judicial Fellows are exposed to the management and/or development of a variety of court programs and departments, multi-million dollar budgets, policy, and other managerial tasks. The special challenge of court administration is to manage these functions in ways that preserve judicial independence and ensure the efficient and fair administration of the law.

Academic and Field Seminar

Judicial fellows are enrolled as graduate students at Sacramento State in Public Policy and Administration. Fellows participate in an academic seminar and field seminar once a month throughout the duration of the program. Field seminar is run in conjunction with academic seminar and takes place at a different court each month. During field seminars fellows have the opportunity to learn about different court programs, observe courthouse operations and speak with experts in the court system throughout the state.

Academic seminar: The fall semester focuses on a critical examination and historical analysis of the California judicial system and its administrative structures, policies and managerial practices. Spring semester includes the study of contemporary institutional issues, intergovernmental relations, alternative administrative practices, policy analysis and implementation strategies. A capstone project addressing some aspect of a fellow's court placement will be completed; synthesizing their experiential learning and academic study.



A day in the life of a Judicial Fellow may include work in....

- Research and projects involving contemporary criminal justice issues such as: juvenile justice and teen court programs, drug court, self help centers, and public access to court services and programs
- Coordinating and participating in community outreach programs and events such as Law Day
- Collaborative court observations
- Legislative analysis

Placement opportunities may include:

Superior Court of California, *County of Alameda*

Superior Court of California, *County of Butte*

Superior Court of California, *County of Los Angeles, Community Relations Office*

Superior Court of California, *County of Orange*

Superior Court of California, *County of Sacramento*

Superior Court of California, *County of San Francisco*

Superior Court of California, *County of Placer*

Superior Court of California, *County of San Bernardino*

Judicial Council, *Office of Governmental Affairs*

Stipend and Benefits

- **Monthly stipend of \$2,627** and health, dental and vision benefits
- Paid university enrollment and student fees for units in the Public Policy and Administration department and student loan deferment

“The Judicial Administration Fellowship Program is one of our efforts to ensure the continued excellence of California’s courts. I have had the opportunity to work with Judicial Fellows and have been inspired by their contributions and their commitment. The fellows gain valuable experience working with the finest judiciary in the world, and we encourage the talent we need now and in the future to manage the largest court system in the nation.”

—Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye,
Chief Justice of California
Chair of the Judicial Council of
California





“Working in a research division of a large court, I have been treated like part of the team. I’ve conducted both quantitative and qualitative research, which has informed the decision-making process of executive court administrators. Some of my projects have included identifying trends in cases, redesigning parts of the courts website, working with staff and a judge to create a pilot mediation program, and designing surveys

and analyzing the results. I have also gained invaluable insight from visiting other fellows’ courts for seminars, which are an opportunity to exchange ideas with others that share your interests. Those experiences have allowed me to help shape the face of my court as well as develop my own knowledge and expertise in areas that interest me.”

Program Eligibility

All applicants must:

- Be at least 20 years of age by September 1st of the fellowship year.
- Have a bachelor’s degree by September 1st of the fellowship year and a demonstrated interest in public service and public policy.
- Be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of the fellowship program.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit the following by the February deadline:

- Completion of the online application at www.csus.edu/calst/judicial
- College transcript(s)
- Personal statement and policy statement
- Three current, original letters of recommendation

Timeline

February	Applications due*
Last week of April.....	Southern California interviews**
First week of May.....	Sacramento interviews**
May	Candidates notified
September	Fellowship begins
July	Fellowship ends

* Applications and specific dates, details and deadlines can be found online at csus.edu/calst/judicial

** All interviews must be conducted in person

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