

CORTEZ A.M. EWING PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The Department of Political Science announces renewal of a grant from the Cortez A.M. Ewing Endowment to support student Public Service Fellowships. Students receiving the awards will serve as interns in congressional offices, government agencies, interest groups, or think tanks in Washington, D.C.

Eligibility

Sophomores and Juniors from any academic major are eligible to apply. It is required that Ewing Fellows plan to return to campus the academic year following the fellowship period. Preference will be given to those students who have not had a similar intern experience. The student is expected to have an interest in working during the summer months in a government or policy-focused internship in Washington, D.C. Students with diverse academic and career interests are encouraged to apply.

Selection

Applicants are required to submit the form below, a resume, an unofficial transcript, an essay, and 2 letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a faculty member. A committee consisting of faculty members and undergraduate student representatives will evaluate applications. The committee may interview candidates after consideration of the materials that are submitted. The faculty coordinator assists with student placement in Washington offices.

Timetable

Students should watch for the announcement of the Fellowship by the Department of Political Science in case the deadline is moved. Screening of applicants and interviews will take place during the fall semester. Applicants who will be absent from campus during the fall semester should apply early, so note on their application, and inform the faculty coordinator.

Funding

The Cortez A.M. Ewing Endowment at the University of Oklahoma funds these Fellowships. Cortez A.M. Ewing was a Research Professor of Government at The University of Oklahoma and served on the faculty from 1928-1962. The Ewing Endowment was first established by former students of Professor Ewing and has grown through generous contributions by alumni and university supporters.

Fellowship Awards Include:

- \$6500 Foundation grant for some travel and living expenses in Washington, D.C.
- Additional scholarship assistance based on financial need is available
- Academic credit may be arranged

Financial Need

The Ewing program is committed to providing this opportunity to all deserving students, regardless of their economic circumstances. Additional need-based scholarship assistance is available. Please inform the Ewing faculty coordinator of any special financial need that might affect your ability to participate.

Please submit your completed application for the 2027 Ewing Fellowships to Dr. Tyler Johnson at tylerjohnson@ou.edu by Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

Questions about the Fellowship may also be directed to tylerjohnson@ou.edu.

SUMMER 2027
CORTEZ A.M. EWING PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Norman Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box Zip

Permanent Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

Email Address: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

College Major: _____ College Minor: _____

GPA: _____ (Please attach a copy of your unofficial OU academic transcript.)

Prior Experience in Washington, D.C.: Please list any previous work, study, or internships you may have had in Washington, D.C. Provide the name of the office or organization in which you worked, the period of your service, and a brief description of the tasks in which you engaged.

Honors and Activities: Please attach a resume not to exceed two pages in length in which you list in separate sections any University honors or awards you may have received and any campus or community activities in which you may have been involved.

Please summarize any financial aid you have received from OU (scholarship, loan, employment):

Please list 3 specific DC internship opportunities that would interest you and fit with your future aspirations following graduation.

Essay: Please attach an essay (**not to exceed 1500 words**) in which you describe your career goals, your interest in government, non-profit, or other public service, and how you hope to gain from this internship experience. While your essay will be biographical, you should address aspects of government and public policy that animate your interest in this fellowship opportunity.

Recommendations: Put your name on top of the forms for recommendations, give careful consideration to the waiver, and then give the application form to two individuals who know your work and you, at least one of whom must be a faculty member. You should consider your selection of references carefully, as their recommendations will figure importantly in the selection process. Make sure you select persons who know you well and will take the time to provide a full and accurate reference.

Recommendation letters should be sent to Tyler Johnson at tylerjohnson@ou.edu by Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

Persons from whom you are requesting evaluations: (2)

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