



EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

Eagleton Fellowship Program
in Politics and Government
for
2009-2010

APPLICATION INFORMATION

*Interdisciplinary certificate program open to graduate students
in any Rutgers school or discipline*

APPLICATION DEADLINE - MARCH 9, 2009

What is the Eagleton Fellowship Program?

The Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University offers interdisciplinary fellowships that provide select Rutgers graduate students the opportunity to further their understanding of government, public affairs, and the practice of politics, and connect the fellowship experience to their chosen fields of study. Eagleton fellowships expose students to the art and politics of governing and to multiple aspects of public policymaking while providing meaningful assistance to government.

Eagleton fellows work toward their graduate degrees without interruption; the one-year fellowships are designed to complement academic study. In recent years, fellows have come from diverse departments and schools on all New Brunswick, Newark and Camden campuses, representing more than a dozen departments in the social sciences, humanities and natural sciences and nine different graduate and professional schools reflecting a wide variety of interests and perspectives.

During the fall, Fellows enroll in a weekly, three-credit seminar in applied politics. The seminar is designed to help prepare Fellows for the spring semester when they are placed with an office in the New Jersey legislature, the Governor's Office, an executive agency, or other government office for at least 15-hours a week. In the spring, Fellows also register for three credits of independent study to work with faculty members in their schools or disciplines, making the connection between their field of academic study and hands-on practical experience in government and politics.

Throughout the year, Eagleton gives students direct access to practitioners in state and national politics and government. These contacts serve to bridge the gap between the academic training of a graduate student and the everyday challenges of a life in politics and public affairs.

Graduate fellowships at the Eagleton Institute of Politics have been offered since 1956. Many of the program's more than 850 alumni maintain strong contacts with the Institute, assisting in professional development and placement and providing an informal support system for new classes of fellows.

What Types of Fellowships are Available?

The Eagleton Fellowship Program in Politics and Government includes four types of fellowship opportunities for graduate students enrolled in a Rutgers University degree program. Students are encouraged to apply for more than one fellowship type depending on their interests.

Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellowships:

- The Eagleton Institute awards eight Raimondo Fellowships annually. These fellows are required to take the three-credit *Legislative Policy Making* seminar in the fall. During the spring semester, four fellows are placed with the New Jersey Senate and Assembly Democratic and Republican offices and four are placed with the Office of Legislative Services.
- This program was initiated by the Legislature and Rutgers University to honor the memory of Henry J. Raimondo (1947-1999), who served as associate director and professor at the Eagleton Institute.
- Raimondo fellowships offer a stipend of \$8,625 and an equivalent amount of tuition remission. (These awards are contingent on funding in the FY10 New Jersey state budget.)

Governor's Executive Fellowships:

- Eagleton awards twelve Governor's Executive Fellowships annually. Governor's fellows are required to take the three-credit *Eagleton Seminar in American Politics* in the fall. During the spring semester, fellows are placed in state government departments or agencies.
- Governor's fellowships provide a stipend of approximately \$6,000. (These awards are contingent on funding in the FY10 New Jersey state budget.)

Harold and Reba Martin Fellowships and Eagleton Alumni Fellowship:

- The Eagleton Institute awards six Harold and Reba Martin fellowships and one Eagleton Alumni fellowship annually. These fellows are required to take the *Eagleton Seminar in American Politics* in the fall. Their internships in the spring are determined by the students' specific interests. Placements for Martin or Alumni fellows might include a regional office of a federal agency, the office of a U.S. Senator, a mayor's office in a major city, or a political organization.
- Eagleton has been awarding Harold and Reba Martin Fellowships since 1981, when the former Bergen County Assemblyman and his wife made their first generous donation to the Institute. The Alumni fellowship is made possible by contributions from Eagleton's alumni and other friends.
- Martin and Alumni fellowships provide stipends of \$6,000 plus full tuition remission.

What are the Requirements for Eagleton Fellowships?

Students must maintain a B average during the fellowship year and remain in good academic standing in their disciplinary program. Additional requirements include:

Fall Semester:

- Three-credit graduate course in applied politics held at the Eagleton Institute

Spring Semester:

- Fifteen-hour per week placement in government and/or public affairs office (210 hours total)
- Three-credit independent study course in student's school or discipline
- Monthly group meetings convened by Eagleton in Trenton

Fellows also participate in numerous Eagleton events and a trip to Maryland over the course of the academic year. Upon successful completion of these requirements, fellows are awarded a certificate from the Institute.

How Do I Apply for an Eagleton Fellowship?

We encourage all interested graduate students to apply for the Eagleton Fellowship program. Please note the following important details when applying:

- Application packets must be received by the deadline of **Monday, March 9, 2009.**
- Packets must include: a completed application form, a 300-500 word essay, unofficial copies of graduate/undergraduate transcripts, a resume/curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation. Only completed packets will be considered by the selection committee.
- Applications can be submitted by email, mail or in person. Campus mail is not recommended.
- Letters of recommendation may be sent separately by these means as well, but must be received by the application deadline. Letters should be from those who can speak to your qualifications and relevant experience for the program. At least one letter should come from a faculty member, preferably at Rutgers. Please list recommender details on the last page of the application form.
- Applications are judged on the following criteria: academic performance; letters of recommendation; demonstrated interest in government, politics and public affairs; and an essay discussing the applicant's purpose in applying for the Fellowship. Students applying for admission to a graduate program at Rutgers University may apply at the same time for an Eagleton Fellowship.

When are Fellowships Announced?

Students will receive preliminary notification before **May 13, 2009**. Raimondo and Governor's Executive fellows will receive final confirmation of fellowship funding once the state budget is approved in early July.

Additional Questions?

If you have questions, call Sarah Kozak, senior administrative assistant at **(732) 932-9384 x 244** or e-mail **sarah.kozak@rutgers.edu**