CENTER FOR THE POLITICAL FUTURE
at USC Dornsife

FELLOWS
PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS GUIDE

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I've always believed that a lot of the trouble in the world would disappear if we were talking to each other instead of about each other.

**PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN**

**MISSION**

Our mission is to advance civil dialogue that transcends partisan divisions and finds solutions to our most pressing national and global challenges. As the only academic center that combines rigorous intellectual inquiry, teaching and practical politics, the Center for the Political Future will advance a new model for political discourse and problem solving.

**CHALLENGE**

Today’s political divide is wider than at any time since the Civil War. News is fake, facts are discounted and rancor is at historic levels. Our nation needs new tools to promote civil and constructive discourse and debate. We need innovative pathways to restore dispassionate analysis to the political arena and renew compromise as essential to our democracy. It is the goal of the USC Dornsife Center for the Political Future to open those pathways.

**LEADERSHIP**

The center is led by two of the nation’s most experienced and respected political experts, Robert Shrum and Michael Murphy.

Shrum has a storied career as an author and campaign adviser to Democratic candidates including Edward Kennedy, Joe Biden, John Glenn and Barbara Mikulski in their Senate campaigns, and John Kerry and Al Gore in their presidential races.

Murphy is one of the Republican Party’s most successful political consultants, advising the campaigns of Jeb Bush, Mitt Romney, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Christine Todd Whitman, John Engler, and Tommy Thompson as well as dozens of Senatorial, United States House and other races. He’s worked on six Republican presidential campaigns and is widely known for his work in the 2000 GOP primaries as a senior strategist for Senator John McCain.
THE CPF FELLOWS at a glance

FELLOWS will consist of a changing and outstanding cohort of political and policy leaders selected from across the nation and world on the basis of a notable record of serving in public office or working in the arena of practical politics. Fellows will teach courses, participate in CPF programming and interact with faculty and students.

2-UNIT SEMINAR COURSE

The cornerstone of the Fellows program is the semester-long class designed and taught by the fellow and relevant guest lecturers to a group of 15-20 undergraduate students on a specific topic of the fellow’s choosing ranging from immigration to campaign finance.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

In addition to classroom time and office hours, fellows attend weekly picnics where they can meet with students in a more casual setting. Bi-weekly roundtable dinners are also hosted by the fellow which focus on pressing national and global issues.

EVENT PARTICIPATION

The CPF hosts dozens of political events over the course of the semester which fellows are invited to attend and encouraged to participate.
THE CPF FELLOWS

previous fellows

DAN SCHWERIN | FALL 2018
Schwerin has served as the Director of Speechwriting for Hillary Clinton’s 2016 campaign and currently serves as the Co-Founder of Evergreen Strategy Group, an organization that provides speechwriting, strategic advice, and other communications services to leaders of values-driven companies and organizations navigating complex public policy challenges.

Course Offered: Political Speechwriting

GENTRY COLLINS | FALL 2018
Collins has served as the National Political Director of the Republican National Committee, and currently serves as a Partner at CAP Public Affairs where he has worked successfully with large-scale advocacy efforts in the healthcare, automotive, infrastructure, mental health, veterans affairs, and energy sectors.

Course Offered: The Future of the Republican Party

APPLY TO BE A CPF FELLOW TODAY

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**How long is the fellowship?**
CPF Fellows are selected for a semester-long term and encouraged to apply 6-8 months before their desired term. The fall term at USC runs from August to December and the spring term runs for January to May.

**Do I need to live in Los Angeles to be a fellow?**
No, Fellows may commute to Los Angeles so long as they meet the 10-15 hour program minimum. CPF will provide complementary housing upon request.

**What are the time requirements of the fellowship?**
Each fellow teaches one course to undergraduate students, which is typically 2.5 hours once per week. In addition to class, fellows are asked to spend 10-15 hours per week at CPF related programing, roundtable discussions, office hours, etc.

**Is housing provided?**
Yes, select one-bedroom apartments are available free of charge upon request.

**What is the stipend?**
Fellows are awarded a modest stipend. Please contact Sydney Lopes for more information.

**Are the Fellows provided an office?**
Yes. Each fellow is provided a private office and access to the CPF coordinator who will provide administrative support, serve as the fellows point of contact for any CPF related events, and sit-in on weekly classes.

**Can Fellows bring outside guests to Fellows events and classes?**
Yes. There is no limit on the number of guests a fellow can bring over the course of the semester, although CPF has a limited travel budget for such purposes.