



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

# Getting Into State Government: Fellowship Opportunities Panel Discussion

Monday, February 22, 2021  
6:00pm-7:00pm



HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

# GETTING INTO STATE GOVERNMENT: FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



*Rising College Seniors, Recent College Graduates, and Post-Graduate Students:*  
Join us for an informative workshop on opportunities in state government. During the discussion, you will learn about two paid opportunities: the Governor's Fellows Program and the Virginia Management Fellows Program.



**FEBRUARY 22  
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Join by phone: +1-866-692-4530

Access code: 185 432 4653

**Application Links:**

[Governor's Fellows Program](#)

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# Welcome!

COURTNEY WYNN  
DIRECTOR OF NATIVE/INDIGENOUS OUTREACH

# Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction
- Housekeeping
- Opening Remarks by Secretary of the Commonwealth
- Panel Discussion
- Q&A from Attendees
- Closing

# Speakers

- Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth
- Leisha LaRiviere, Director of Virginia Management Fellows Program
- Emma Jensen, Program Coordinator of Governor's Fellows Program/former Governor's Fellow
- Alex Cintron, former Governor's Fellow
- Alex Frazier, Virginia Management Fellow
- Salinna Lor, former Governor's Fellow
- Jessica Gaines, Virginia Management Fellow

# Panel Discussion

**Questions for Program Directors**

**Questions for Current & Former Fellows**

# Virginia Management Fellows Program

- Check out the VMF website for more info: <https://vmf.spia.vt.edu/>
- Eligibility requirements
  - Bachelor's degree from an accredited university on or after May 2018 or proof of a May 2021 graduation date, or
  - Master's or PhD degree on or after May 2018 or current enrollment in a degree-seeking graduate-level program
- Required application elements:
  - Resume
  - Cover letter including a statement of interest in the VMF program and a career in a Commonwealth of Virginia state agency
- Optional application elements:
  - Letter(s) of recommendation
- Click the state application link to apply:  
<https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com/postings/208962>
- Application deadline February 24, 2021 at 1159PM



## 2021 GOVERNOR'S FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Governor's Fellows Program is a unique opportunity to experience the inner workings of state government and make important contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia. For a period of approximately eight weeks, Fellows will become a part of the Governor's team and work alongside members of the administration. Governor's Fellows will be paid by the Commonwealth for their service.

### Qualified Applicants

- Rising college seniors, graduating college seniors or enrolled as degree candidates in a graduate/professional school
- Enrolled in a Virginia college/university or a Virginia resident enrolled in an out-of-state institution

### Important Dates

#### Applications Due

March 15, 2021

#### Interviews

March 22 – April 16, 2021

#### Advise on Decision

April 30, 2021

#### Program Dates

May 31, 2021 – July 30, 2021





# Panel Discussion

Leisha LaRiviere

Emma Jensen

Alex Frazier

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# Q&A

QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD FOR ATTENDEES

# Thank You!



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# Closing Remarks