



2004 Congressional Fellow Marty Sokoloski (right)  
with former Congressman Rush Holt (NJ)

## Kudos for the Program

“The fellowship program has been one of the most important initiatives in good government in the past century.”

— The Honorable Rush Holt  
U.S. Congressman from New Jersey  
& former Congressional Fellow

“I know that many of my colleagues have repeatedly sought fellows for their personal offices because of the quality of the contributions they have made.”

— The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
U.S. Congresswoman from Texas

“It is notable that one professional organization in particular, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), currently supports several Congressional Fellows, all of whom are engineers in senior level positions. Members’ offices and committees have found these individuals among the most helpful and productive Congressional Fellows.”

— Carnegie Commission on Science,  
Technology, and Government

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2012 Congressional  
Fellow Leslie Martinich



2015 Congressional  
Fellow Shawn Kimmel



2008 Congressional Fellow Sherry  
Gillespie and 2007 Congressional  
Fellow William Behn



## About the Program

Each year, IEEE-USA selects two IEEE members to serve a one-year fellowship on Capitol Hill. Selections are made on the basis of applications and in-person interviews with the Government Fellows Committee. The Committee is composed of IEEE members, many of whom are former Fellows. The IEEE-USA Board approves the Committee's selections. Fellows spend a year in Washington serving as advisers to the U.S. Congress. This program links science, technology and engineering professionals with government, and provides a mechanism for IEEE's U.S. members to contribute their knowledge and experience to policy-makers.

IEEE-USA created the Congressional Fellowship program in 1973 to:

- Further the effective use of STEM knowledge in government;
- Help educate the STEM community on the public policy process; and
- Broaden the perspectives of the STEM and governmental communities regarding the value of such interaction.

Congressional Fellows may work on either House or Senate personal or committee staff, on a broad range of projects that often include drafting legislation, holding briefings, and making recommendations on legislative amendments.

## Eligibility & Selection Criteria

To be considered for an IEEE-USA Congressional Fellowship, applicants must:

- Be a regular IEEE Member at the time of application.
- Be a practicing member of the engineering profession with a degree from a four-year university or college that has a recognized program in electrical or electronics engineering, radio, or an applied branch of engineering or science.
- Possess either:
  - a minimum of 5 years of experience and a Master's degree in engineering or qualified science; or
  - a Doctoral degree in engineering or qualified science; or
  - In exceptional cases, the Master's or Ph.D. requirement may be waived for candidates with compensating experience.
- Have work experience that consists of full-time professional employment. Time spent working as an intern, graduate assistant, etc., will not apply.
- Be a U.S. citizen at the time of application or, at the latest, prior to selection.

Deadlines vary by year. Application materials are available online. For additional information, please visit the fellows website at the URL below.

## Stipend & Travel

During the Fellowship year, IEEE-USA Congressional Fellows receive a stipend commensurate with their level of education and experience. The Government Fellows Committee has the discretion to determine which stipend a fellow will receive based upon an applicant's experience.

IEEE-USA provides an additional supplementary allowance of \$5,000 to each fellow for travel and relocation expenses. IEEE-USA will also reimburse reasonable pre-fellowship travel and lodging expenses (with prior approval) related to the assignment interviews. The Fellows or their employers — if applicable — are responsible for the balance of salaries, benefits, and all other expenses.

