

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo is now accepting applications for the fifth class of Empire State Fellows, <http://www.dos.ny.gov/newnyleaders/faq-fellows.html>, and we are writing to ask that you distribute this opportunity widely within your networks.

The two-year **Empire State Fellows Program** is a full-time leadership training program that prepares a new generation of leaders for policy-making roles in New York State government, and encourages professionals from underrepresented groups to join the Governor in creating a New New York. The 2016 class of Empire State Fellows will serve from September 2016 to September 2018, and receive an annual salary commensurate with experience not to exceed \$72,765, plus a generous benefits package. At the end of the fellowship, a performance review process will identify Fellows that will be given the opportunity to continue to serve as leaders in New York State government after completing the program.

Governor Cuomo will appoint each Empire Fellow to work directly with a Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, or other high-level policy maker. Work assignments will offer Fellows unparalleled experience collaborating with senior officials and participating in the policy-making process. While taking part in the work of government, Empire Fellows will participate in educational and professional development programs that will prepare them to confront the increasingly complex policy challenges facing New York State.

Applications for the Empire State Fellows Program must be received no later than April 4, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. Additional information about the Empire State Fellows Program is available on our website at www.dos.ny.gov/newnyleaders/. If you have specific questions about the program, you may contact fellows@exec.ny.gov.