

CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

THE **FUTURE** OF CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT

THE CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP, BUILT UPON 80 YEARS OF EXPERTISE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT USC, WAS FORMED IN 2006, AND BRINGS OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

THE FELLOWSHIP IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING THE FUTURE OF CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ACROSS THE U.S., AND ABROAD.

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One of the two oldest academic institutions in the nation devoted to the study and practice of public administration, the USC Price School of Public Policy has educated and fostered public policy leaders across the globe since 1929. In efforts to bolster this 80 plus years of expertise in public administration at USC, the City/County Management Fellowship (CMF) was formed in 2006 as part of a larger collaboration between the Price School, the International City/County Management Association, and the California City Management Foundation. USC has consistently been regarded as one of the top five programs for city management in the nation, and CMF has strived to continue this longstanding success by bringing outstanding local practitioners together with USC faculty and staff to mentor Price students.

Each year the CMF Board of Directors brings together a handful of elite Fellows to receive financial, academic and professional support from prestigious faculty, staff, and practitioners in the field of city and county management. Committed to the development of the future leaders of local government, accepted fellows work closely with the Board to coordinate local government events, network with local leaders across Los Angeles County's 88 municipalities, and develop lasting ties with fellow students and practitioners.

Composed of City and County Managers across California, the CMF Board meets several times annually with selected Fellows to discuss and approve actions related to the financing, support and professional development of the program. Within the meetings, Fellows have the opportunity to breakout within selected committees to help with the continued advancement and development of CMF. Communication, events, development, mentorship, and other committees provide selected Fellows opportunities to continue to develop and expand the significance of CMF, connect with Board members, and gain translatable experience that will extend into their future careers.



As part of the Fellowship, recipients are also granted travel stipends of up to \$500 per academic year during their time at USC, with a maximum of \$1,000 awarded during their tenure as a student. These funds can be used by Fellows to join professional organizations and attend career-enhancing conferences and networking events. Currently, there are three “pre-approved” organizations outlined by the CMF Board: The Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC), the Americans Society for Public Administration (ASPA), and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). As of 2017, MMASC and ASPA required student membership fees (\$35 and \$40 respectively), however fellows can receive free membership to ICMA through the ICMA@USC chapter (contact icma.usc@gmail.com for more details).



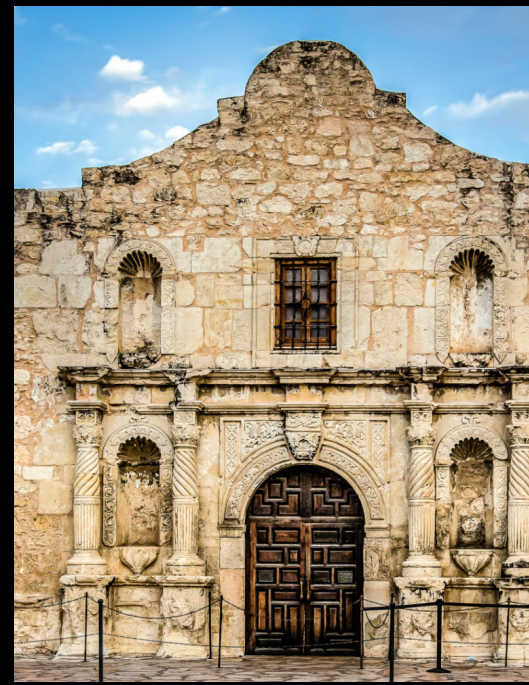
- Founded in 1914, ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics. It's vision is to be the leading professional association dedicated to creating and supporting thriving communities throughout the world. ICMA's members are the professional city, town, and county managers who are appointed by elected officials to oversee the day-to-day operation of our communities.



- Since 1939, ASPA has been the nation's most respected society representing all forums in the public service arena. ASPA is the largest and most prominent broadly based professional association in American public administration. It has a diverse membership of approximately 8,000 practitioners, academicians and students. ASPA serves as the principal arena for linking theory and practice within the field of public administration.



- MMASC was formed in 1953 to address the professional needs of local government employees and their private sector counterparts. The membership is composed of city managers, HR directors, analysts, graduate students, interns, executive recruiters, private sector consultants, non-profit managers, county administrators, and special district professionals representing local governments within a nine-county area of Southern California. The organization's more than 700 members represent local governments serving an estimated 22 million residents.



Previous fellows have utilized their stipends to attend conferences in Atlanta, Kansas City, Ojai, Indian Wells, and more. Professional conferences provide fellows with opportunities to connect with fellow students and administrators in a formal setting, and build close bonds among their cohort. This coming year, CMF Fellows will have the opportunity to attend conferences in Denver (ASPA March 2018), San Antonio (ICMA, October 22nd to 25th, 2017), and La Jolla (MMASC, October 25th to 27th, 2017).

In addition to travel and networking opportunities, each year Fellows are paired with a serving board member as part of an ongoing mentorship program within CMF. These pairings provide Fellows an opportunity to gain unique insights into municipal government and receive advice from acting local government leaders. Pairings are typically made based on proximity, shared career paths or interests, in addition to other factors and can provide Fellows with life long connections as they navigate their local government careers.

Board members and Fellows also work closely to coordinate events on and off campus over the course of the academic school year. In addition to off-site events designed to connect alumni fellows with current fellows, CMF is responsible for organizing the State of the City and State of the County Luncheons each year. These events are designed to bring guest speakers to comment on the state of affairs for California municipalities and the challenges they face going forward. The State of the City/County Summit, also organized by CMF, brings together several guest speakers to comment on and discuss a specific topic or challenge facing local institutions. In addition to the real world experience provided in the organization of these events, Fellows gain the unique opportunity to connect and learn from some of the leading figures in local public administration at these events.

