

Junior Fellow Program at the University of Maryland Joint Program in Survey Methodology

Junior Fellow Program Overview

As the United States moves closer to a full information society, there are enormous career opportunities for those who have the knowledge and skills to design, collect, and analyze large-scale databases. All that the country knows about its population growth and migration, its health, criminal victimization, traffic patterns, educational performance, labor and job markets, prices of daily goods, agricultural production, air and water quality, and income distributions is based on sample surveys and censuses, as well as administrative data systems.

The Junior Fellow Program is a unique internship experience that gives you a paid research assistantship, plus educational benefits that can expand the horizons of what you can do in your career.

Junior Fellows will be placed at one of the Federal Statistical Agencies. Junior Fellows will be expected to work 40 hours a week (May 31, 2016 - August 5, 2016) on tasks associated with the development, deployment, and analysis of surveys. Each fellowship is unique and tasks vary significantly from cognitive interviewing to data cleaning to interviewer training to imputation to data analysis. In order to ensure a rewarding experience for all, we attempt to match Junior Fellows with positions based on interest and experience.

In addition to working, Junior Fellows will attend weekly seminars covering a variety of aspects of survey methodology as well as visit other Federal Statistical Agencies to broaden their understanding of and exposure to the Federal Statistical System. Finally, you'll meet graduate faculty of the Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM) and technical leaders in the industry who will answer questions you may have about advanced education and career paths.

Each Junior Fellow will be paid between \$11.25 - \$12.50 per hour (\$4,500 - \$5,000 for 10 weeks). Housing is also provided as part of the fellowship.

Who Should Apply?

The JPSM Junior Fellowship is not for everyone. As you think about applying, answer the following questions:

- Are you interested in learning more about how data is collected?
- Are you good in math? Do you like to play with numbers as a way of learning about the world?
- Would you like to learn more about a career in survey methodology and large social and economic information systems?

What are the eligibility requirements?

- 3.5/4.0 or higher GPA
- US Citizen
- Rising college junior or senior in the 2016/2017 school year

If you answered "yes" to these questions, then the internship may be for you! To learn more, see the [FAQs](#).

To learn more about the program and to apply, go to:

<http://jointprogram.umd.edu/undergrad/JuniorFellows#sthash.pmEqkodV.dpuf>