

# GFP

## GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Graduate Fellowship Program (GFP) enhances participants' leadership abilities, strengthens professional skills, and produces more competent and competitive Latino professionals. This nine-month paid program offers exceptional Latinos, who have earned at least a master's degree within three years of the program start date, unparalleled exposure to hands-on experience in a variety of public policy areas, which may include: Education, Housing, Health, Law, and STEM (with a focus on energy and the environment). Participants will complete their first-half placement in a congressional office on Capitol Hill and may have the opportunity to pursue a second-half placement that best matches their policy interest. The range of placements include: congressional offices, committees, federal agencies, the White House, national non-profit advocacy organizations, and government related institutions.

Applicants to the Graduate Fellowship Program must have completed a master's degree, JD, or Doctorate prior to the program start date.

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*“Through both of my fellowship placements, I gained an essential, more holistic understanding of domestic housing policies, as well as expanded my introductory knowledge on the complex financial systems that impact access to housing among communities of color and the importance of consumer protections. My experience with CHCI has been absolutely invaluable and I look forward to continuing to grow as a Latina professional in housing and urban policy.”*



**ALIA FIERRO**

**2016-2017 Wells Fargo Housing Graduate Fellow**

Elgin, Illinois

Cornell University

M.S., Regional Planning

Placement 1: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research

Placement 2: U.S. House Financial Services Committee



LEFT: Fellows participate in team building activities during their orientation week.



Law Graduate Fellow, Brenda Ayon-Verduzco, moderating her aPolicy Briefing: Legal Protections against Discriminatory Hiring Practices & Criminal Convictions



Health Graduate Fellow Sarah Agate poses with sponsor Lupe De La Cruz III and Rep. Xavier Becerra after her policy briefing on Capitol Hill.

## SELECTED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

### WORK EXPERIENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

### GREAT PAY

Amount will vary depending on the year; please refer to the CHCI website for current stipend amounts.

### BENEFITS

- Domestic round-trip transportation to Washington, D.C.
- Optional health insurance\*
- Optional short-term housing\*
- Professional development funds
- Leadership training, networking and more

\* CHCI secures and individuals reimburse CHCI for this service.

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