Urban Fellows Program

The Urban Fellows Program is an initiative of the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth in the College of Law. Top graduate students are selected from across Georgia State University and Georgia Tech’s School of City and Regional Planning to study and discuss issues related to urban growth with top decision makers.

Benefits of Participating in the Program:

- Broaden your awareness about urban and environmental issues by attending the exclusive speaker’s series
- Build your network of professionals with similar interests
- Develop cross disciplinary contacts at GSU and other universities in Atlanta
- Receive guidance and direction to write a paper of publishable quality and earn course credit
- Make connections in the community through volunteer opportunities
- Become privy to job opportunities
- Boost your resume

Program Requirements:

- **Lecture Series**: Distinguished speakers from academics, government, and the private sector talk about a variety of urban and environmental issues. Student interest helps direct the types of speakers we select.
  - Afternoon lectures will be held approximately once per month (August through April) from 4:10-5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Lunch lectures will also be scheduled throughout the semester from 12-1 p.m. and the day of the week varies.
  - Examples of the types of lectures we schedule: Atlanta Regional Commission updates; Resilient Cities; Urban Agriculture; Education; MARTA; History of Atlanta

- **Community Service** – Urban Fellows must perform 5 hours of community service per semester on a project of their choice.

- **Mandatory Research Paper** – All Urban Fellows must write a research paper of publishable quality on any urban, growth management, or environmental law and policy issue. Accepted Urban Fellows students will be registered for the course LAW 7494 for 2 credits in the fall semester; however, you will receive an “In Progress (IP)” grade in the fall. In the spring, you must still attend the lectures and do the volunteer hours. Your research paper will be due in the spring semester. Upon completion of the paper and all program requirements, your IP grade will be replaced with a final grade. This course satisfies the COL’s writing requirement.

Key Dates:

- All applicants are invited to attend an Urban Fellows lecture to see what the program is like. Please join us on Wednesday, March 22 from 4:10-5:30 p.m. for a lecture by Cathy Henson, Founder and President of Georgia School Council Institute, about Improving Education in Georgia. It will be held in Room 139 in the College of Law at 85 Park Place.

- Applications due Monday, April 3, 2017 or to Karen Johnston at kjohnston3@gsu.edu or in person at the College of Law at 85 Park Place. Please turn into my mailbox.

- Decisions will be made by Monday, April 10, 2017. The program will begin in August 2017.