



NMSA Public Policy Description

Grant Provided by: **NCMIC**

Quantity: **Two Fellowships**

Aim of the NMSA Fellowship Program

The long-term goal of the NMSA Fellowship Fund is to create opportunities for naturopathic physicians-in-training to participate in projects which augment their studies and enrich their surrounding communities through service, education, research, and self-study. Fellowships are awarded on a yearly basis to outstanding naturopathic medical students who show great potential and self-determination.

NMSA Public Policy Fellowship

The Purpose of the NMSA Public Policy fund is to provide naturopathic students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, and advance external affairs work on behalf of NMSA and coordinate NMSA involvement in legislative efforts. Two awards will be granted in 2019 - one to a Canadian student and one to a U.S. or Puerto Rico student.

Eligibility criteria:

- Current NMSA member, or recent ND graduate (within one year) from a CNME-accredited institution
- Must have an ability to commit an average of 10 hours/month to the success of their project, developing presentation materials, and attending educational presentations through Standard Process or other sources
- Ability to fulfill the project within 12 months of award
- All work products, research, materials and writings for publication will become the property of the NMSA with due recognition to the student fellow.

Selection Process:

This award is competitive. A committee of NMSA leaders will select the 2019-2020 Public Policy Fellows from the set of candidates.

Each selected fellow will receive the following:

\$1,500 USD each

- Funds will be used for travel expenses to represent NMSA at up to two advocacy meetings/events.
- Fellows will co-manage NMSA legislative activities, budget and advocacy projects, and advise the NMSA Board on national and international advocacy efforts.
- NMSA Public Policy Fellows will access leadership training and mentoring and expand opportunities for their peers.
- There is an expectation of regular communication with the board and an average of 10-15 hours per month time commitment for fellows.
- Awards are not renewable, nor are they transferable from one Public Policy Fellow to another.

Projected Timeline:

- Fellows announced: December 2019
- Orientation to NMSA Fellowship Program: End of December 2019
- Fellowship Begins: January 1st 2020
- Fellowship Ends: December 31st, 2020
- Trainings: TBD
- Case Papers Due Date: December 2020

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