Begun in 1982, the Legislative Fellows Program links the research capacity of the University of Delaware and Delaware State University with the research needs of the Delaware General Assembly.

For students, who are selected through a competitive process, the experience offers a valuable opportunity to observe and contribute to the governmental decision-making process.

Through their nonpartisan, in-depth research, Fellows assist legislators in dealing with critical issues facing the state. In recent years, Fellows have worked on areas as diverse as criminal justice reform, healthcare, government accountability and transparency, and women’s rights.

Any full-time graduate student or especially qualified junior- or senior-level undergraduate student from the partnering universities is eligible to apply.

Program Highlights
- Fellows make important contacts with state and local government officials and business and community leaders.
- Fellows work directly with legislators and legislative staff, conducting research and staffing committees during the legislative session from January 14 to June 30, 2025. An orientation will be conducted during the first full week of January as preparation.
- Travel to Dover (conditions permitting) from UD is by vanpool, with Fellows leaving campus at 11:00 a.m. and returning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- Fellows receive a competitive stipend.
- Fellows take a three-credit seminar, State Government: Management and Policy, as an opportunity to link their experiences with academic coursework.

For more information and to apply online, visit www.ipa.udel.edu/legfellows