



Kathleen Crotty Fellowship

ABOUT KATHLEEN CROTTY

Kathy was a groundbreaking force in New Jersey public life. She served as the executive director of the state Senate Democratic Office from 1986 until she retired in 2009 – the first woman to lead one of the legislature’s partisan offices. A longtime advocate for women in public office, and a renowned mentor and advocate for people starting careers in public service, Kathy set high standards in recruiting and nurturing the Senate office’s policy staff. She became a New Jersey Policy Perspective trustee in 2010 and was welcomed unanimously as Board chair in 2015. Kathy’s keen policy insights, deep political knowledge, and steadfast progressive values made her an invaluable leader for NJPP and inspiration for NJPP’s staff and Board, as well as many others in New Jersey public service.

ABOUT THE CROTTY FELLOWSHIP

The Kathleen Crotty Fellowship honors Kathy’s legacy by providing an eager, self-motivated student committed to public service with an intensive summer experience working in New Jersey policy and advocacy, under the guidance of experienced mentors at NJPP. Crotty Fellows participate actively in the research and writing of reports, op-eds and blog posts for publication, and will join NJPP analysts in outreach and coalition work. Fellows should come away with experience and networks to help them launch successful careers in New Jersey public service. Fellows receive a \$10,000 stipend.

This year’s Crotty Fellow will investigate the costs to transition New Jersey from a public bus transportation system based on fossil fuels to one powered by electricity. As climate change becomes a more pressing issue, the state must determine the most effective way to switch its transit infrastructure from fossil-fuel reliant to green and renewable energy sources. This effort will include participation in the state’s Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI), analysis of the the most effective way for the state to purchase electric buses for New Jersey Transit, and the identification of reliable sources of revenue for funding for these priorities.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be enrolled in or recently graduated from a graduate-level program, especially in government, public policy, public administration, or economics.
- Must have a strong interest in state-level policy that enhances equity.

- Must demonstrate a strong commitment to working in New Jersey. Preference will be given to New Jersey residents and students/graduates of New Jersey universities.
- Demonstrated excellence in written and oral communications.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct high-level public policy research.
- Must be well organized and can work independently.
- Must have solid interpersonal skills, both in-person and over the phone.
- Experience networking with community providers and organizing for advocacy purposes is a plus.
- Must be able to work full-time (40 hours per week over the summer).
- Demonstrated commitment to NJPP's core goals and values with particular commitment to economic, racial, and social justice.

TO APPLY

Please send your cover letter, resume and writing sample to info@njpp.org by March 1 using the subject line format: "Crotty Fellowship 2020 – [Your last name]." Finalists will be contacted by March 22 to schedule an interview. The Fellow will be notified by April 15. No phone calls, please.

ABOUT NJPP

Since 1997, New Jersey Policy Perspective has been advancing economic justice in New Jersey by leveraging reliable analysis, strategic communications and effective outreach to drive state-level policy. NJPP is a "think-and-do tank." Once the analysis is done, NJPP's communications and outreach get it into the hands of the policymakers, advocates, and partners best positioned to use it in support of public policies that expand opportunity and promote widespread prosperity in the Garden State. NJPP is a proud member of the State Priorities Partnership of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, DC.