

RIGHT REFORM

Senior Fellow in Political Reform - Job Description

Summary

The Senior Fellows in Political Reform will build capacity at right-of-center think tanks to address issues related to election and government reform while upholding core values such as the First Amendment, checks on majoritarian power, election integrity, and federalism.

The Senior Fellows in Political Reform will be funded and organized through a new effort called Right on Reform, aimed at evaluating electoral and government reforms from a conservative perspective, identifying areas for principled agreement and disagreement with the traditional reform community.

With funding from Right on Reform, fellows will work at conservative think tanks and may work 20–30 hours per month.

The Role

Senior Fellows in Political Reform will be expected to conduct original research and analysis on topics related to election and government reform, and also promote their work through written commentary, media interviews, and testimony to legislative and other government bodies. Issues addressed will be at the local, state, and national level, and may include:

- Redistricting/Gerrymandering
- Federalism/Role of States
- Voter ID/Voter Registration
- Electoral College/National Popular Vote
- Instant Runoff/Ranked Choice Voting
- Vote By Mail/Absentee Voting
- Primary Systems
- State/Federal Legislative Processes
- Ethics/Corruption in Government
- Government Transparency/Access
- Strength/Independence of Political Parties

In addition to defending core values in the area of election and government reform, Senior Fellows will be responsible for finding areas of agreement, compromise, and consensus with a generally left-of-center reform community, including by working with counterparts at other institutions.

Senior Fellows are envisioned as part-time, adjunct scholars providing between 20 and 30 hours of work a month, but alternate arrangements will be considered. Attendance at reform-oriented gatherings as well as annual meetings of organizations such as the State Policy Network, the National Conference on State Legislatures, and the American Legislative Exchange Council would also be expected.

Qualifications

Candidates for the Senior Fellow positions should have a strong commitment to preserving our nation's Constitutional structure of checks and balances, federalism, and limits on majority power, and an appreciation for the need for reform of elections and government. Other key qualities include:

- Previous experience working on election and government reform issues, either as a scholar, activist, elected official, lobbyist, analyst, journalist, or other public policy professional.
- The ability to stick to facts and supportable opinions while avoiding *ad homonym* attacks and conspiracy theories.
- Capable of non-partisan analysis and a willingness to abide by core principles even when it may be unhelpful to those perceived as friends and allies.
- Excellent writing skills, able to produce both well-crafted opinion pieces and longer papers supported by extensive research and citations.
- Ability to work constructively with persons and organizations that have significantly different perspectives.
- Bachelor's degree required
- Five or more years professional and research experience in relevant fields

Application Instructions

Interested candidates should submit the following:

- Cover letter explaining interest in the position
- Resume/CV
- Two writing samples, any format (scholarly, op-ed, testimony, blog post, etc.), and preferably on topic related to election or government reform

Materials should be submitted to Sean Parnell at sean@impactpolicymanagement.com, and questions can be directed to same.