



# Institute for Policy Studies

## 2026 Henry A. Wallace Fellowship Program Application Questions

*Please note: this document is provided so you may prepare your application questions in advance. Applications will not be accepted via email. To submit your application, complete the form at <https://ips-dc.org/henry-a-wallace-fellowship-application-form/> by **Sunday, March 15th**.*

**Note on eligibility:** As a paid work opportunity, all applicants must be eligible for employment during the fellowship period. Current F-1 Student Visa holders authorized for Optional Practical Training are eligible to apply. Unfortunately, we are not able to sponsor new visa applications.

**Note on AI:** Researchers and writers at IPS do not use generative AI to produce their public scholarship. Applications that display significant evidence suggesting the use of generative AI to prepare your responses will not be considered for advancement in the selection process.

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Email**

**Phone**

**Pronouns**

**Are you available to work in-person at the D.C. office June 1st through July 31st?**

- Yes
- No

**IPS is committed to building a cohort that reflects identities across a wide range of experience. We know that internships often have not embraced or lifted up marginalized groups, and we aim to change that. As we work to transform the make-up of our world's future movement leaders, we are deeply committed to supporting diversity (across races, ethnicities, genders, sexualities, levels of ability, etc.) in the next generation of public scholars. Why does this statement matter to you? (limit of 2000 characters)**

**In order to successfully and sensitively build power from the ground up, we believe we need to be conscious of the ways in which class and economic inequality intersect with movement building. Why does this matter to you? How does your lived experience inform your interest in these issues? (limit of 2000 characters)**

**Are you from a rural community?**

- Yes
- No

***If you answered yes to the above question:* As part of this year's program, we seek to recruit several fellows from rural communities, which have often been ignored by progressive movements. Since you've identified as being from a rural community, please share how this shapes your perspective. (limit of 2000 characters)**

**Tell us about a movement that you're involved in and how you'd like to see this movement create change. (limit of 2000 characters)**

**Which of the following internships are you most interested in working on? (Please select at least two)**

For a description of this summer's internship placements, see:  
<https://ips-dc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-HWFP-Internship-Placements.pdf>

- Charity Reform Initiative
- Climate Policy Program
- Criminalization of Race and Poverty
- Development
- Digital Communications
- Global Economy Program
- Inequality.org
- National Priorities Project
- New Internationalism
- Program on Inequality and the Common Good
- Symposium & Special Projects

**Please elaborate on your selection(s). (limit of 2000 characters)**

**What skills, experience, and/or knowledge would you most like to obtain and why? (limit of 1000 characters)**

(Examples: writing, fundraising, event planning, editing, networking, an analysis of alternative economic models, etc)

**What additional skills, experience, and/or knowledge would you bring to your internship? (limit of 1000 characters)**

(Examples: language skills, infographics, data analysis, GIS, knowledge of Census data)

**Give an example of a time that you used research skills. Describe the project from beginning to end. How did you organize your work? What tools or methods did you use? (limit of 1000 characters)**

**How do you stay on top of breaking news and current events? (limit of 1000 characters)**

**In assessing your own financial needs, does your school offer money for students to attend summer internship programs? (limit of 1000 characters)**

**Have you applied for or will you be receiving outside assistance for your internship this summer in the form of a stipend, grant, or scholarship? If so, please specify. (limit of 1000 characters)**

**A great way to stay connected to progressive social movements is by joining the IPS community. Would you like to opt into the IPS newsletter?**

- Yes
- No

**How'd you hear about this program?**

**Please attach a writing sample in PDF format.**

Your writing sample can be a blog post, an excerpt from an essay or research paper, a letter to the editor, an article in your school's newspaper, etc. Feel free to provide a couple sentences of context if you're excerpting your selection from a larger piece. The important thing is for us to get a sense of something you're passionate about ...oh, and, we'd love to see if you can string a sentence together, too. Please limit your writing sample to 5 pages or less.

**Please attach your resume in PDF format.**