

Bryce Harlow Foundation Announces 2016-17 Fellowships

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 6, 2016 – The Bryce Harlow Foundation, the national capital’s premier organization supporting the profession of lobbying and government advocacy, today announced the 23 recipients of its prestigious graduate-school fellowships for the academic year 2016-2017.

Bryce Harlow fellowships are awarded annually to exceptional graduate students who aspire to have careers in government relations and lobbying. Bryce Harlow Fellows attend graduate school part-time while working full-time in a variety of settings, including Capitol Hill, government agencies, lobbying firms and trade associations.

The 2016-17 class of twenty-three Fellows was chosen from more than 55 applicants. The Fellows are pursuing graduate degrees such as law, business, and public policy at Washington, D.C.-area schools including American University, the Catholic University of America, George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University. The Foundation considers its Bryce Harlow Fellows to be the future of government advocacy. The fellows must be committed to practicing government advocacy with the highest level of integrity. In addition to an \$8,000 award, Fellows are assigned mentors from the Foundation’s board of governors.

2016-17 Bryce Harlow Fellows

- Adam Abosedra – *Team Lead, Irving Burton Associates*
- Hanna Abou-El-Seoud - *International Trade and Agricultural Development Representative, Gordley Associates*
- Scott Astrada – *Economic Advisor, Democratic Policy Committee*
- Zoya Awan – *Federal Government Affairs Project Coordinator, Microsoft*
- Jesse Barba - *Government Affairs Associate, Cassidy & Associates*
- Bailee Barfield – *Senior Health Policy Analyst, MITRE Corporation*
- Jessica Brady – *Associate Director for Global Development Policy and Advocacy, Save the Children*

- Derek Brandt - *Congressional Affairs Representative, American Academy of Neurology*
- Erika Briceno – *Digital & Communications Manager, United Nations Foundation*
- David Brinton – *Manager of Congressional & Public Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce*
- William Brown - *Director of Government Affairs, National Utility Contractors Association*
- Nicholas DeSarno – *Manager of Grassroots and Communications, Public Affairs Council*
- Christian Ficara – *Director of Public Affairs, Chicago City Council*
- Samantha Gilbert – *Research Assistant, Anzalone Liszt Grove Research*
- Simone Hall – *Legislative Assistant, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*
- Alexandria Icenhower – *Government Relations Specialist, Honeywell*
- Victor Machado - *International Government Affairs Specialist, Dupont*
- Paul Melmeyer - *Associate Director of Public Policy, National Organization for Rare Disorders*
- Beth Ann Saracco – *Policy Advisor, World Vision USA*
- Marissa Serafino – *Public Affairs Advisor, Holland & Knight*
- Megan Taylor – *Press Secretary, Senator Cory Gardner*
- Jordan Wells – *Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senator Gary Peters*
- Meredith White – *Policy Affairs Manager, USB Americas Inc.*

About the Bryce Harlow Foundation

The Bryce Harlow Foundation was established in 1981 in honor of the late Bryce Harlow to promote integrity in the lobbying profession and to increase the understanding of its role in the development of sound public policy. Bryce Harlow, who served with four U.S. presidents, established the first White House Congressional Liaison Office and served as its director during the Eisenhower and Nixon administrations. The Foundation provides scholarships to graduate students who work full time and foresee a career in government advocacy. The Foundation is dedicated to keeping Bryce Harlow’s values alive and to promoting high standards in lobbying, government relations and related professions. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit www.bryceharlow.org.

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