

# Bryce Harlow Foundation

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## **Bryce Harlow Foundation Announces 2023-24 Fellowships**

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 7, 2023 – The Bryce Harlow Foundation, the national capital’s premier organization supporting the profession of lobbying and government advocacy, today announced the 28 recipients of its prestigious graduate-school fellowships for the academic year 2023-2024.

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, non-profit organizations, corporations, and trade associations.

The 2023-24 class of twenty-eight Fellows was chosen from more than 70 applicants. The Fellows are pursuing graduate degrees such as law, business, and public policy at Washington, D.C. area and other schools including the American University, George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, Loyola University of Chicago, and the University of Southern California. 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 levels of integrity. In addition to an \$9,000 award, Fellows are assigned mentors from the Foundation’s board of governors.

### **2023-24 Bryce Harlow Fellows**

- Mika Alvarez – *Legislative Correspondent, Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV)*
- David Artushin – *Advocacy Campaign Manager Advocacy Campaign Manager, Charleston Hope*
- Mark Borges - *Account Executive, Lucas Public Affairs*
- Nick Breslin – *Manager, Regulatory Affairs, National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD)*
- Emma Craig - *Legislative Analyst, National Apartment Association*

- Ferdous Dehqan – *Legislative Director, The Afghanistan-U.S. Democratic Peace and Prosperity Council (DPPC)*
- Engoma Fataki - *Legal Coordinator, Erikson Immigration Group (EIG)*
- Norma Fuentes – *Government Relations Associate, Stricklin and Associates*
- Sean Gordon - *Associate Policy Advisor, BlueGreen Alliance*
- Wardah Kashar – *Executive & Legislative Assistant, Williams & Jenson*
- Elborz Mazanderan - *Government Affairs Analyst, HPM CONUS Specialist, Epirus*
- Alexandra Melillo - *Senior Associate, The Asia Group*
- Omair Mirza – *Vice President, Federal Government Relations, JP Morgan Chase*
- Katherine Palm - *Senior Program Analyst, Injury & Violence Prevention, NACCHO*
- Brent Palmer - *Director, Public Policy, National Association of Chain Drug Stores*
- Namrata Pujara – *Legislative Assistant, Federal Advocacy, American Academy of Pediatrics*
- Sarah Sapirstein - *Executive Vice President, Ens Resources Inc*
- Morgan Stahr - *Co-founder and Co-Executive Director, Blue Future, YPAC (Youth Progressive Action Catalyst)*
- Nomi Small - *Network & Events Coordinator, Food Research & Action Center*
- Katherine Speece - *Public Affairs Advisor, Holland & Knight*
- Rachel Spivey - *Senior Legislative Assistant, Michael Best Strategies*
- Rachel Stevenson - *Communications Director, American Heart Association*
- Ivan Thirion - *Program Specialist, U.S. Foreign Policy, Open Society Foundation*
- Colleen Vivaldi – *Manager, Federal Affairs, Johnson & Johnson*
- Alexander Walker-Griffin - *Senior Policy Specialist, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP and Mayor, City of Hercules, CA*
- Anne Webb – *Assistant Vice President of Government Relations, Nationwide*
- Madeline Weil - *Government Affairs Analyst, MGMA*
- Patrick Wohl – *Senior Political Representative, National Association of Realtors (NAR)*

### **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](http://www.bryceharlow.org).

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