



THE WOODROW WILSON  
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## FACT SHEET: THE 2015 WOODROW WILSON GEORGIA TEACHING FELLOWS

### About the 2015 Fellows

- In 2015, the Foundation has named 36 Woodrow Wilson Georgia Teaching Fellows. They will attend Columbus State, Kennesaw State, and Piedmont College.
- Of these new WW Georgia Teaching Fellows:
  - 100% majored in a STEM discipline.
    - 64% (23) sciences, 8% engineering and tech, and 28% mathematics.
  - 25% have done advanced degree work.
    - The Fellows have nine master's degrees among them.
    - Two Fellows also have Ph.D.s and another has a doctorate in veterinary medicine.
  - Most Fellows are Dean's List/honors graduates, and members of various academic honoraries.
- 31% of the Fellows are teacher candidates of color, versus 16% in the overall teaching force.
- 42% are male—noteworthy in a profession where as many as 75% of practitioners are female.
- The Fellows bring a wide range of life experiences to their work:
  - 16% (6) graduated from their undergraduate institution in 2015.
  - An additional 42% graduated between one and five years ago.
  - The other 42% are career changers who earned undergraduate degrees more than five years ago. They have worked with such organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control, McCormick & Company, Johnson Controls, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- Three Fellows are veterans of the U.S. armed forces.
- One Fellow is a former police officer.
- The Fellowship is creating in-state opportunities for talented Georgia residents: 78% of the Fellows are Georgia residents, with out-of-state candidates from Alabama, Ohio, Texas, and Wyoming
- Fellows remain deeply committed to community service. Most participate in volunteer work with groups such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Science Olympiad, Relay for Life, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, and AmeriCorps.

### About the Fellowship

- The goals of the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship are to:
  - Attract the very best candidates to teaching
  - Put strong teachers into high-need schools
  - Cut teacher attrition and retain top teachers
  - Transform university-based teacher education
- The Fellowships recruit teachers—both recent college graduates and career changers—with strong backgrounds in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).
- Each Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellow receives a \$30,000 Fellowship to complete a specially designed, cutting-edge master's degree program, as preparation to teach in high-need urban or rural secondary schools.
- Fellows commit to teach for three years, with ongoing mentoring.
- Universities agree to redesign their teacher education programs.
- **Georgia was the fifth state to launch the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship.** This year's group is the **first class (or cohort) of Fellows in Georgia.**
- Fellows will attend Columbus State, Georgia State, Kennesaw State, Mercer University, and Piedmont College starting with the 2016 competition.