

FACT SHEET

The 2020 Woodrow Wilson Pennsylvania Teaching Fellows

About the 2020 Fellows

- In 2020, the Foundation has named 28 Woodrow Wilson Pennsylvania Teaching Fellows. They will attend Duquesne University, West Chester University, and the University of Pennsylvania.
- Of these new WW Pennsylvania Teaching Fellows:
 - 100% majored in a STEM discipline
 - 18 Fellows majored in a science field, three in an engineering field, six in a mathematics field, and one Fellow majored in both science and mathematics fields.
 - Three Fellows have completed advanced degree work.
 - Among them they hold one master's degree and two Ph.D. degrees
 - Most Fellows are Dean's List/honors graduates, with memberships in various academic honoraries.
 - Fellows were leaders on their university campuses. Fellows served as officers of clubs and activity groups, worked as teaching assistants, and conducted graduate and undergraduate research.
- 21% of the Fellows are teacher candidates of color, versus 18% in the overall teaching force.
- 54% of the Fellows are male—noteworthy in a profession where as many as three-quarters of practitioners are female.
- The Fellows bring a wide range of life experiences to their work:
 - Twenty four of the Fellows completed their bachelor's degrees in the past three years. A number of the undergraduate Fellows served in roles such as peer learning associates, youth camp counselors, researchers, and tutors.
 - Four of the Fellows are considered career changers. These Fellows have worked as a software engineer, visiting researcher and adjunct instructor, product support specialist and contract analyst, and chemist.
 - Fellows remain deeply committed to community service. Most participate in volunteer work, some with organizations such as the International Rescue Committee and Habitat for Humanity, others with local groups and hospitals, and some through tutoring youth in their community. Fellows also have volunteer experience at local after-school programs and museums.

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 \$32,000 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.
- Pennsylvania launched its Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship in 2018. The 2020 class of Fellows is the second class to be named in PA.
- Past states to have programs included Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, and Ohio.