



Policy Start Fellowship

About MTF

MTF is a non-partisan, non-profit research organization widely recognized as the Commonwealth’s premier public policy research organization. MTF provides public and private decision-makers with unbiased and timely research and constructive solutions that drive public policy, strengthen state and local finances, and position the Commonwealth for equitable and sustainable growth.

About the Fellowship

The Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation (MTF), in partnership with the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts (AICU Mass.) and its member schools, is offering a 14-month Policy Start Fellowship (PSF) for graduates from communities that have been historically underrepresented in state policy research work.

The PSF is available to recent graduates from AICU Mass. member undergraduate and graduate programs from communities historically underrepresented in policy work in Massachusetts. The PSF will provide educational and professional benefits by providing real-world exposure to policymaking, professional experience as a policy researcher, and mentoring and networking to get the Fellow started on a career in policy.

How the Program Works

- Become a full-time member of the MTF policy team for 14 months.
- Create a solid foundation of knowledge around the state’s budget and policymaking process.
- Develop research expertise in a public policy area.
- Opportunity to publish and present research and analysis.
- Attend and participate in member events.
- Network with members, policymakers, interest groups, and others.
- Participate in Shadow Days with members and partner organizations to learn how public policy intersects with their day-to-day operations.



Hear From the Fellow

“I’ve really enjoyed my time at MTF! I have met some amazing people in the policy space both in and out of government, and I’ve spent the day at great organizations like Blue Cross Blue Shield and Boston Children’s Hospital. I’ve been able to use my MPH by working on healthcare topics, including the MassHealth eligibility redetermination process, and I value how this experience will help advance my career goals. I can’t wait to see what the rest of the Fellowship holds!”

Leedya Senbetta,
*Inaugural MTF
Policy Start Fellow*



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