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Each Fellows class brings a variety of perspectives and experiences to our students, ranging across different ideologies, professional sectors, and geographic areas. Recent fellows include Republican strategist Stuart Stevens, former Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, former Governor of Michigan Jennifer Granholm, former White House Senior Advisor Shailagh Murray, journalist Robert Costa, and former Pakistani Ambassador Husain Haqqani.

While on campus, IOP Fellows lead weekly non-credit discussion seminars on issues of local, national, and international importance. These 75-minute, off-the-record sessions are student-only, and take place at the IOP House. Fellows often invite notable guests to participate in these seminars, such as former Obama speechwriter Jon Favreau, Snapchat’s Peter Hamby, American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten, and Palestinian think tank director Omar Shaban. Fellows work closely with student ambassadors, who are their guides to campus life and assist them with their work while at the IOP. Social activities and informal dinners strengthen the bonds between Fellows, creating lasting friendships that bridge political divides.

The IOP Pritzker Fellows Program presents a unique opportunity for political professionals to learn and grow. Whether through engaging with students and faculty, auditing classes, or conducting research, the IOP Pritzker Fellows Program provides a rare opportunity to enjoy eight weeks of paid enrichment at one of the world’s great universities. Time away from the daily political grind enables Fellows to form new relationships and gain fresh insights so that they can return to their jobs with enhanced perspective and energy.

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“Politics at its best is an oral tradition. We’ve all learned the hard way what works and what doesn’t, and we have stories that another generation is eager to hear and will get a lot from. I’d encourage anybody who wants to be rejuvenated by being around young people and also wants to remember why they got into this business in the first place to come out here and give it a try.”

- BRUCE REED, Former White House Adviser