

Alumni Endorsements

“During the Fellowship I had direct access to the City Manager and senior staff while working on high-level issues. I recommend the Fellowship Program as an exceptional education opportunity for anyone interested in public service and leadership.”

-Bryce Mumford, Class of 2010-2011
Senior Fiscal Analyst, City of Wichita, Kansas

“The Fellowship provided an extremely beneficial professional network and real world opportunities to expand the skills developed in my MPA program. Working under the guidance and support of the City Manager and senior staff, I was given great responsibility to lead and assist with projects that visibly impacted the community.”

-Corinne Bannon, Class of 2010-2011
Budget Analyst, City of Wichita, Kansas

“The Fellowship provided a framework that seeded my interest and knowledge in municipal management. Thanks to the guidance and professional development opportunities provided by the entire management team in Wichita, I found a great position with my hometown.”

-Adam Bentley, Class of 2010-2011
Administrative Assistant to the City Manager,
City of Iowa City, Iowa

“Staff throughout the organization support my development and the City Manager’s door is always open. Fellows are encouraged to pursue their own interests, which enables learning on a level you simply cannot find in a scripted, controlled internship. I cannot recommend this experience strongly enough.”

-Chase Fosse, Class of 2011-2012
City Manager’s Office, City of Wichita, Kansas

“As a Fellow, the rate of my professional development has been incredible! I love the pace of City Hall, especially in the Manager’s Office. Being mentored by the City Manager has prepared me to confidently pursue a career in public service and executive leadership.”

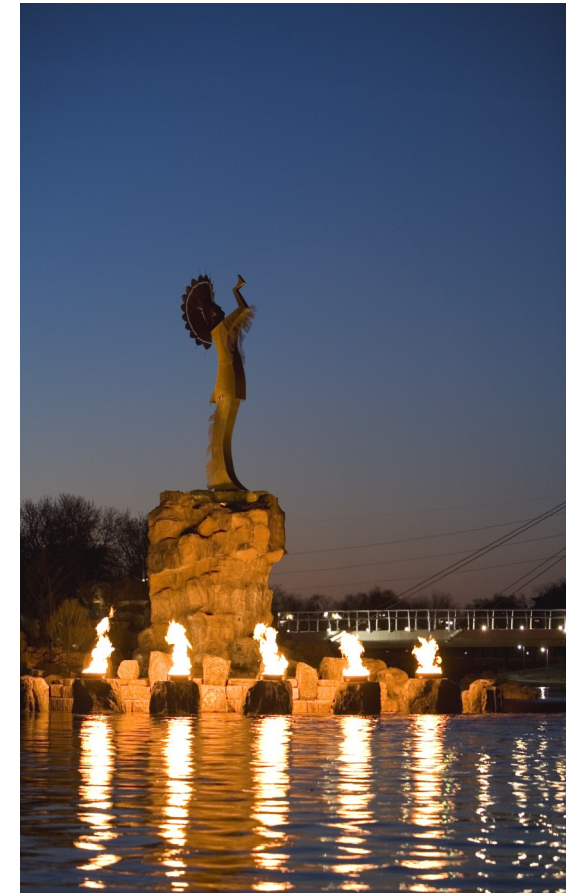
-Brandon McGuire, Class of 2011-2012
City Manager’s Office, City of Wichita, Kansas

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City of Wichita Management Fellowship Program



Distinguishing Features of Work

The City of Wichita Management Fellowship provides recent graduates with a Masters of Public Administration or Public Policy the rewarding opportunity to work under the tutelage of the City Manager of one of the 50 largest cities in the United States. Fellows conduct extensive research and analysis and manage special projects for the City Manager and department directors. Fellows are based in the City Manager's Office and work on projects throughout the organization. Assignments are matched to the Fellows' interests and skill sets and are designed to position them for a career in local government administration.

Fellows serve a one-year appointment beginning in June and receive a salary of \$34,000 plus insurance (health, dental and vision). For more information, please visit www.wichita.gov.

Apply Now

Applicants should have completed or be in the last semester of their Masters of Public Administration/ Public Policy degree coursework. To apply, submit an application at www.wichita.gov and send the following materials to **Lisa White, Senior Human Resource Specialist, 455 N. Main, Wichita, KS 67202**:

- 1) A cover letter stating interest and intent;
- 2) A current resume including education, universities attended, degree awarded and completion dates;
- 3) Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts;
- 4) A writing sample from the last three months (no more than three pages); and
- 5) Three references with daytime phone numbers.

Application Period

- ◇ Wichita State University students may apply from January 6, 2012 through February 13, 2012.
- ◇ Non-Wichita State University students may apply from January 6, 2012 through February 1, 2012.

City Manager's Office

Fellows are supervised by the City Manager and Assistant City Manager and have the unique opportunity to meet with the Manager weekly. Through projects involving multiple departments, coordination of special events, and citizen engagement, they develop first hand knowledge of city operations and takeaway experiences that are valuable to future public administrators. Duties include:

- ◇ Reviewing policies and procedures and implementing improvements based on best practices;
- ◇ Participating in professional development meetings and conferences;
- ◇ Coordinating the Mayor's Youth Council;
- ◇ Citizen engagement and public speaking;
- ◇ Participating in the development of the City Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

Highlighted Projects

- ◇ Staffed a stakeholder driven process to create a first-of-its-kind combined city-county code inspection and enforcement agency.
- ◇ Coordinated a stakeholder driven process to improve the City's solid waste and recycling program.
- ◇ Assisted with restructuring the Recreation Division resulting in improved service delivery while reducing expenses by \$1 million.
- ◇ Led a parking meter modernization pilot project at a downtown parking facility.
- ◇ Assisted with efforts resulting in the merger of the Public Works and Water City's Utilities Departments.
- ◇ Led an inventory of over \$3 billion worth of City assets and worked on a team to develop an innovative City-County comprehensive plan.

Wichita City Manager

Robert Layton has been involved in local government management for nearly 30 years. He served as City Manager from 1984 to 2008 in Urbandale, Iowa, where he focused on planned growth, quality service delivery and improving the City's fiscal condition.



Before going to Urbandale, he was an assistant to the City Manager in Des Moines, Iowa from 1980 to 1984. Prior to that he was a budget analyst and public management intern for Kansas City, MO.

Mr. Layton became Wichita's City Manager on Feb. 2, 2009. He reports to a seven-member City Council and oversees 3,000 employees, a \$550 million annual budget and a \$2.4 billion Capital Improvement Program.

The City of Wichita

Wichita is located in south central Kansas and is the largest city in the state with a population of around 400,000. The City is a three time All-America City award-winner and provides residents with a clean, safe, enjoyable community and a low cost of living. With over 250 days of sunshine each year, Wichitans take advantage of all the outdoors has to offer, as well as outstanding attractions that educate and enhance residents' quality of life. Old Town is Wichita's premiere entertainment district with distinctive restaurants, live concerts, quaint specialty shops and a Saturday farmer's market. Between the vast number of local shops and restaurants, downtown revitalization efforts, great public parks, collegiate and professional sports teams, and an active arts community, Wichita truly has something for everyone.