NYC Mayor’s Office of Resiliency + NYC Panel on Climate Change

Fellows Program

Accepting applications on a rolling basis in 2021 (see below).

About The New York City Mayor’s Office of Resiliency: The Mayor’s Office of Resiliency (MOR) strives to adapt New York City to the unprecedented challenge of climate change, creating a more resilient, equitable and vibrant city. Through science-based analysis, policy and program development, and capacity building, MOR leads the City’s efforts to ensure that New York City is ready to withstand and emerge stronger from the multiple impacts of climate change in the near- and long-term.

About The New York City Panel on Climate Change: The New York City Panel on Climate Change (NPCC) is a Mayor-appointed independent advisory board of researchers with expertise on issues pertaining to climate change. The panel has a long-standing track record of scientific assessment that has helped strengthen critical infrastructure and mitigate the risks of climate change. NPCC’s main charge and enduring vision, as articulated in Local Law 42 of 2012, is to provide an authoritative source of actionable information on future climate change and its potential impacts to support decision-making.

The MOR/NPCC Fellows Program provides a unique opportunity for students and post-doctoral researchers to work with The City of New York and the NPCC to advance critical research that will help the City adapt to climate change, take actions to mitigate its future impact, and build a more equitable and resilient future.

All MOR/NPCC Fellows will have the opportunity to:

- Meet individually with the Director of MOR
- Attend a roundtable discussion with MOR Deputy Directors for Fellows
- Perform informational interviews with MOR staff
- Present work at a symposium with City agency staff

MOR/NPCC Fellows will concentrate in one or more of the following areas:

- Work with the NPCC Co-Chairs to support the collaborative structure, research, assessment, and co-production of NPCC4 final synthesis report due in 2023.
- Work with NPCC4 Working Groups to support research, assessment, and production of special reports, agency and cross-government collaboration, community engagement and participation, and sustained assessment initiatives.
- Assemble and curate existing NPCC (and other supporting) assessment reports, projections, scenarios, and policy guidance related to climate change.
- Work with MOR/NPCC to advance joint initiatives such as the Climate Knowledge Exchange.
- Work on MOR research and policy initiatives
- Design, build, launch, and/or maintain an open access web portal to make the NPCC materials available to subject area researchers and the general public.
• Liaise with and convene MOR staff, personnel from other City agencies and subject matter experts from multiple disciplines spanning social and natural sciences, engineering and design

Interested parties must receive concurrent funding or receive credit for fulfilling an internship from their home institution in order to apply. Fellowships can be renewed (pending performance review and continued support from the home institution) as long as the fellow maintains active student status within their home institution. Workload will be no more than 20 hours per week during semesters when the student is registered for a full-time course load.

Those MOR/NPCC Fellows who work more closely with MOR or on MOR-NPCC joint initiatives will undergo a background check and be subject to approval of the Mayor’s Office of Human Resources.

Application Process

To obtain an MOR/NPCC Fellowship, please send a cover letter and resume to nycresiliency@nyc.gov. In your cover letter, please generally describe your desired area of concentration, how the work aligns with your academic and career interests, and who currently serves as your primary academic advisor, including any relationship they have to NPCC or MOR, and approximately how much time you have to dedicate to the Fellowship. Please also describe how you will receive support (in funding and/or internship credit) from your home institution, over what period you expect to have support. We will later request a letter of recommendation.

In 2021, we are accepting and reviewing letters of interest on a rolling basis. We strive to respond to all letters within four weeks. We anticipate performing a status check at the end of six months to review the experience, ensure support is still available, and assess whether the Fellowship continues to support mutual goals.