

2025 FASPE Clergy & Religious Leaders Fellowship Eligibility Requirements

FASPE Clergy applicants must either be enrolled in graduate school preparing for work as a religious leader at the time of application or they must be working as a religious leader with a relevant graduate degree received May 2020 or after. Those applying as students may be studying at a seminary, divinity school, rabbinical school, Muslim chaplaincy program or other graduate program related to religious OR theological training.

Applicants do not need to be ordained or planning to pursue ordination to be eligible. Applicants from all faith traditions are encouraged.

FASPE seeks Clergy Fellows with diverse interests and backgrounds, including those pursuing careers as leaders of congregations, as chaplains, at universities, hospitals, prisons, corporations, in the armed services, and in other settings.

FASPE seeks Fellows at a formative stage of their professional lives, who are open-minded and self-reflective, demonstrate leadership capabilities, and the potential of having influence in their fields. FASPE selects its Fellows on the basis of their academic background, personal and professional experiences, capacity for leadership, and ability to contribute to the Fellowship program and the alumni community. FASPE values and seeks to create inclusive environments, and welcomes applicants of all religious, political, and socioeconomic backgrounds as well as gender identities. FASPE seeks Fellows who are interested in engaging in discussions with their co-Fellows and faculty, and who have the intellectual and emotional maturity to discuss difficult and controversial issues responsibly and respectfully in small group settings. All applications are welcome and reviewed.