



# HOMEOWNERSHIP FELLOWS

PROGRAM CLASS OF 2025

## ABOUT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSING HOMEOWNERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM

The New Hampshire Housing Homeownership Fellows program (Fellows) offers housing industry professionals an interactive and educational opportunity to explore the issues and challenges of the mortgage finance system. Up to 10 individuals are selected each year through a competitive application process to take part in this unique program.

The Fellows originated to offer professional development and a deeper understanding of the mortgage system and the many, varied influences on it. NH Housing's Homeownership Division is committed to helping homebuyers achieve successful homeownership, just as our state's mortgage professionals are. The Fellows program lasts nine months and offers opportunities for housing industry professionals to interact with NH Housing staff, national and state housing officials, public officials, and seasoned mortgage lenders, among others. A highlight of the Fellows is a visit to Washington, D.C. where participants engage with members of our Congressional delegation, representatives from Fannie Mae, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and USDA Rural Development (RD). Through experiential learning and discussion, graduates of the program gain an expanded awareness of the mortgage industry, the needs and challenges of homebuyers, and a broader understanding of how to promote successful homeownership to individuals and families in New Hampshire.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Who Should Apply?

The Fellows program is for people who are committed to the housing industry as a profession and to supplying services to homebuyers in NH. We are seeking individuals with an interest in learning more about the needs and challenges of homebuyers, the mortgage industry, and NH Housing's role in promoting affordable housing opportunities for Granite State families and individuals. While the focus of Fellows participants is on lenders, we consider non-lender applicants who can supply a unique perspective to the homeownership process.

## **Fellows Sessions**

There are 7 half-day sessions throughout the year and one four-day trip to Washington, DC. Sessions are designed to supply unique and interactive experiences to expand the participants' knowledge about their role in housing finance. These sessions, which are held in various locations in the state, include learning about NH Housing programs, meeting with successful mortgage professionals, spending time at the New Hampshire Legislature, and visiting with other top state and national officials. A highlight of the program is the three-day trip to Washington, DC, to see first-hand how our nation's mortgage finance system works.

## **Application Procedure**

To apply, complete the online application along with your resume and a letter of reference from your employer. Each year's class is limited to 10 participants, and the application process is competitive. Applications must be received at NH Housing by June 30, 2024

## **Selection Process**

All applications are reviewed by the NH Housing Homeownership Fellows committee. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by July 19, 2024. Since the class size is limited, interested individuals who have not been selected the first time are encouraged to apply again.

## **Attendance and Fellows Agreement**

The success of the program depends on attendance by the Fellows. As a condition of acceptance, Fellows are asked to clear their calendars to allow for attendance at each session. A Fellows Agreement outlines the program and the Fellow's responsibilities.

## **Have Questions?**

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