

Social Connection Fellow

Social Connection Fellow – Policy & Aging

Location: Remote and/or Washington, D.C.

Time Commitment: 20–30 hours/week

Start Date: May 2025

Compensation: \$20/hour or course credit, as applicable

Position Description

At the Foundation for Social Connection (F4SC), we are advancing social connection nationwide, rooted in evidence for our collective well-being. Our work translates research into practice, builds long-lasting partnerships, and creates convening opportunities for field builders, prioritizing social connection as a national value powered by lived experiences.

The **Social Connection Fellow – Policy & Aging** will support F4SC's policy and advocacy work, with a particular focus on issues impacting older adults. This is a hands-on opportunity for a graduate student with interest or experience in aging, social policy, or public health to contribute to efforts advancing federal and state policies that foster connection and reduce social isolation for older adults.

The ideal candidate brings strong research and writing skills, attention to detail, and a deep interest in equity and systems change. Fellows will report to the Associate Director of Network and Partnerships and collaborate closely with both internal staff and external partners.

Key Responsibilities

Fellows will contribute to F4SC's policy strategy and research agenda related to older adults and social connection. Responsibilities may include:

- Conducting policy research and analysis on federal and state initiatives related to aging, isolation, and community infrastructure (e.g., the Older Americans Act, Medicare/Medicaid programs, social prescribing)
- Drafting policy briefs, memos, comment letters, talking points, and background papers
- Supporting legislative tracking, partner coordination, and policy communications
- Developing briefing materials and presentation decks for internal and external stakeholders
- Monitoring relevant hearings, convenings, and news related to social connection and aging
- Participating in coalition meetings and helping summarize key takeaways for internal use
- Supporting stakeholder engagement and policy events or webinars

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Qualifications

Required:

- Current enrollment in or recent completion of a master's degree program
- Graduate study in public policy, public health, social work, gerontology, or a related field
- Excellent research, writing, and communication skills
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively across teams
- Interest in advancing equitable policies to reduce loneliness and isolation among aging populations

Preferred:

- Knowledge of policies or programs affecting older adults, such as the Older Americans Act, aging services, long-term care, or community health infrastructure

Additional Information

- Fellows may work remotely or from our D.C. office during regular business hours
- The Foundation offers mentorship, professional development, and networking opportunities
- This role is ideal for individuals seeking experience at the intersection of aging policy, social well-being, and systems change

How to Apply

Please submit the following materials [here](#).

- Resume
- Cover letter
- Writing sample or presentation example

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.