

2019 Washington Policy Seminar Pre-/Post-Conference Activities

As part of the 2019 Washington Policy Seminar (WPS), we are offering Fellows the opportunity to participate in **optional** pre- and post-conference activities. These activities will take place at the following times:

Wednesday, March 13, 10:00am-12:00pm
US Department of Education Site Visit

Saturday, March 16, 1:00pm-3:00pm
Post-Conference Capitol Tour

[SIGN UP FOR PRE- AND POST-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES HERE](#)

All pre- and post-conference activities will be hosted off-site from the Marriot Wardman Hotel, where WPS will be taking place. Please note that meals or transportation costs will not be covered at any activity.

This packet includes information about each activity to help you make a selection, including:

- Background information and links
- Location and nearest Metro station(s)
- Estimated travel times between activity and the Marriott Wardman Hotel

Please carefully read the following before registering for any activity.

- Registration for all of these activities is **optional**.
- Each activity has a maximum capacity and will close to new sign-ups once that cap is met. **Registering does not guarantee you a spot in that activity. Sign-ups for each activity will be on a first-come, first-served basis.**
- You will receive a confirmation email 1-2 business days after signing up for your activities. Detailed instructions about your activity(ies), including directions, will be emailed to you in early March.

Please note that travel times listed below are only estimates. Fellows should plan ahead to determine the best travel times and methods for their site visits. If you plan to use Metro, we suggest looking up schedules prior to your site visit, as train frequency fluctuates throughout the day. For more information about Metro, please visit <http://www.wmata.com>.

Pre-Conference Sit Visit

Wednesday, March 13, 10:00 am -12:00 pm



[U.S. Department of Education \(ED\)](#)

Organization type: Federal agency

Address: 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20202

Click [here](#) to view location on a map.

Nearest Metro station: L'Enfant Plaza (green, yellow, orange, blue, silver lines)
– 5-minute walk

Estimated travel time from Marriott Wardman Hotel by Metro: 30 minutes

Organization description: ED's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. ED was created in 1980 by combining offices from several federal agencies. ED's 4,400 employees and \$68 billion budget are dedicated to establishing policies on federal financial aid for education, and distributing as well as monitoring those funds; collecting data on America's schools and disseminating research; focusing national attention on key educational issues; and prohibiting discrimination and ensuring equal access to education.

Site visit description: While at the U.S. Department of Education, Fellows will hear from leading experts at the Department, who will speak on various policy issues in the early learning, K-12, and higher education spaces and will learn what the Department is doing to advance President Trump's education initiatives.

Maximum capacity: 25

Post-Conference Tour

Saturday, March 16, 1:00pm-3:00pm



[Visit to the US Capitol Visitor Center](#)

Click [here](#) to see location on a map.

Nearest Metro station: Union Station (red) – 15 minute walk

Estimated travel time from Marriott Wardman by Metro: 28 minutes

Tour description: As the first stop before visiting the Capitol, the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center provides guests with an educational environment to learn more about the unique characteristics of the House, the Senate and the legislative process as well as the history and development of the architecture and art of the U.S. Capitol. While there, you can participate in the Exhibition Hall Scavenger Hunt or take a guided tour of the Capitol (passes available [through your representative](#)).

Maximum capacity: 50

EPFP tour guide: self-guided

If you have any questions, please contact brownk@iel.org