

## Urban Fellows Program

The Urban Fellows Program is an initiative of the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth in the College of Law. Top graduate students are selected from across Georgia State University and Georgia Tech's School of City and Regional Planning to study and discuss issues related to urban growth with top decision makers.

### Benefits of Participating in the Program:

- Broaden your awareness about urban and environmental issues by attending the exclusive speaker's series
- Build your network of professionals with similar interests
- Develop cross disciplinary contacts at GSU and other universities in Atlanta
- Receive guidance and direction to write a paper of publishable quality and earn course credit
- Make connections in the community through volunteer opportunities
- Become privy to job opportunities
- Boost your resume

### Program Requirements:

- Lecture Series: Distinguished speakers from academics, government, and the private sector talk about a variety of urban and environmental issues. Student interest helps direct the types of speakers we select.
  - Afternoon lectures will be held approximately once per month (August through April) from 4-5:30 p.m. Lunch lectures will also be scheduled throughout the semester from 12-1 p.m.
  - Examples of the types of lectures we schedule: Atlanta Regional Commission updates; Atlanta Beltline updates; New City Start-Ups; City of Atlanta Strategic Community Investment Study; Future of MARTA; History of Atlanta
- Community Service – Urban Fellows must perform 5 hours of community service per semester on a project of their choice.
- Mandatory Research Paper –All Urban Fellows must write a research paper of publishable quality on any urban, growth management, or environmental law and policy issue. Accepted Urban Fellows students will be registered for the course LAW 7494 for 1 credit in the fall semester, and 1 credit in the spring semester. This course satisfies the COL's writing requirement. In the fall semester, students will listen to lectures, select their research topic and advisor for their paper, and turn in an abstract and outline at the end of the semester. The research paper is due at the end of the spring semester.

### Key Dates:

- All applicants are invited to attend an Urban Fellows lecture to see what the program is like. Please join us on **Wednesday, March 9 from 4:10-5:30 p.m.** for a lecture by Will Johnston, founder of Tiny House Atlanta. It will be held in Room 241 in the College of Law at 85 Park Place.
- Applications due **Monday, April 18, 2016** or to Karen Johnston at [kjohnston3@gsu.edu](mailto:kjohnston3@gsu.edu) or in person at the College of Law at 85 Park Place. Please turn into my mailbox.
- Decisions will be made by **Monday, April 25, 2016**. The program will begin in August 2016.