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National Academy of Public Administration Announces 2026 Class of Academy Fellows

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Friday, Sept. 25, the Academy Board approved [an incoming class of 64 highly accomplished public servants](#) to join the National Academy of Public Administration Fellowship. The incoming class of Fellows includes AI pioneers, statisticians, historians, educators, and public service practitioners from the local, state, and federal levels.

The 2026 Class joins more than 1,000 current Fellows, including former cabinet officers, members of Congress, governors, mayors and state legislators, as well as prominent scholars, executives, nonprofit leaders, and more.

“The Academy helps leaders achieve a more effective, efficient, transparent, and accountable government. This group of incoming Fellows represent excellence in public service from around the country, and will help us achieve our mission,” said **James-Christian Blockwood, President & CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration**. “As our country's management challenges grow, the Academy continues to build the capacity to tackle those pressing issues. I look forward to working with all our new Fellows, and providing a positive vision of what we can achieve together in the years to come.”

Induction of the new Fellows will occur during the Academy's 2026 National Conference, November 8-10 at the National Academy of Sciences building, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW, in Washington, DC.

Selection of new Fellows follows a rigorous review of the individual's contributions to the fields of public administration and policy. A Nominating Committee, selected by the Academy's Board Chair, reviews hundreds of applicants and makes its recommendations to the full Fellowship, which then votes on each nominee. The 2026 Nominating Committee was co-chaired by Fellows Kerry Neal and Jeanette Takamura.

The full list of 2026 Academy Fellows is below:

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