The John McCain Memorial Fellowship provides selected ACOG Fellows with firsthand exposure to policy development and the legislative process in the federal and state governments. District IV founded the Fellowship in 1981 in memory of Dr. John McCain, a strong advocate for ACOG’s Government Affairs program.

**Sponsorship**
Each District sponsors a Fellow on a rotating schedule, allowing two Districts per year to participate, with the following schedule:

- **2019**: Districts I and XI (TX)
- **2020**: Districts IV and VI
- **2021**: Districts VII and V
- **2022**: ACOOG and XII (FL)
- **2023**: Districts VIII and IX (CA)
- **2024**: Districts II (NY) and III

The first District in the rotation sponsors a McCain Fellow in the Spring, the second in the Fall. Districts may exchange assignments by mutual agreement.

**Duration**
The Fellowship is two weeks, with an option of extending it two additional weeks. The weeks are determined based on the Fellow’s availability, the Congressional schedule, and other factors relevant to ACOG’s schedule and the Departments work.

**Qualifications**
Each District Chair decides the selection process and criteria for that District’s McCain Fellow.

**Stipend**
The District covers any costs of announcing the Fellowship opportunity to its members, the Fellow's stipend ($5,000 per week, which includes accommodations, transportation, and meals) and the Fellow's airfare.

**Program Highlights**
The Fellowship affords the recipient insight into the programs, policies, and interrelations of the executive and legislative branches of the federal and state governments. Highlights include:

- Meetings with lawmakers and staff
- Attendance at legislative hearings on issues of interest to the specialty
- Interaction with officials of regulatory agencies
- Meetings with representatives of medical groups and other allied organizations

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