Who can participate:

1. The Marine Corps Congressional Fellows Program is available to highly motivated Civilian Marines (GS-13 to GS-14), Active component Marine Officers (grades 03 to 05) and SNCOs (grades GySgt, MSgt, )

2. A Secret clearance is required, SSBI preferred.

3. Participants must be self-starters, willing to learn and experience all aspects of legislative affairs, and be dedicated to immersing themselves into each assignment.

4. SNCO’s with minimum of an Undergraduate Degree posted within MCTFS.

The program consists of:

1. Training and education through the Government Affairs Institute via Georgetown University (SNCO, CIVILAIN, 3404).

2. Attend George Mason University’s Schar School of Policy, Government and International Affairs to receive a Master's of Art’s Degree in Public Policy (Officers). Attendance by enlisted may be optional.

3. Serve on Capitol Hill in a Members office in either the House or Senate for one year.

4. Complete a two-year utilization tour immediately upon completion of the fellowship.  Per federal law (10 USC § 2603), each applicant who is accepted for the Congressional Fellowship Program must agree in writing to serve an additional period of active duty for three years.

5. Final determination of assignment is based on the participant's experience and Member’s availability.

Duty Location:

1. All duty locations are within the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area.

Selection timeline: (Enlisted, Civilian, FMBE)

1. Solicitation of nominations via MARADMIN message - October

2. Applications due – 16 November 2359 EST

3. Interviews - January

4. Selections made - March

5. Program begins - October

Selection timeline: (Officer)

CPIB/CCLEB board announcement and solicitation for nominations - June

CFP application packages due – 15 August 2359 EST

Interviews - September

Selections made - October

Program begins – June (MPP, George Mason University)