

## **RESTRICTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

Due to IRS regulations, government and elected officials and their spouses are limited to:

- Using a Fellowship in a degree granting program only.
- Receiving certain payments. Learn [more](#)

For these purposes, a “government official” includes the following:

Federal employees and officials:

- An individual who holds an elective office in the executive or legislative branch, or an individual who has been presidentially appointed to an office in the executive or judicial branch.
- An individual who holds a position in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of the federal government positions listed in Schedule C of Rule VI of the Civil Service Rules (positions of a confidential or policy-determining character that are exempt from competitive civil service examination, as determined by the Office of Personnel Management), or an individual who holds a position in the executive, legislative or judicial branch receiving compensation at or above the lowest rate of basic pay (excluding locality pay adjustments) for the Senior Executive Service GS 16.
- An individual who holds a position in the United States House or Senate with annual compensation of \$15,000 or more.
- An individual who is a personal or executive assistant or secretary to any of the foregoing.

Tribal, State and Local employees and officials:

- An individual who holds an elective or appointive public office in the executive, legislative or judicial branch with independent policymaking ability and annual compensation of \$20,000 or more.
- An individual who is a personal or executive assistant or secretary to any of the foregoing.