

2012 IGERT Annual Meeting

Post-Doctoral opportunities for IGERT Trainees—Science Policy Fellowship Opportunities

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship

The American Association for the Advancement of Science manages and administers Science & Technology Policy Fellowships in five program areas to provide the opportunity for accomplished scientists and engineers to participate in and contribute to the federal policymaking process while learning firsthand about the intersection of science and policy. The fellowships in congressional offices are funded by approximately 30 partner scientific and engineering societies. The fellowships in executive branch agencies are funded by the hosting offices.

Fellowship tenure: 1 year, renewable for a second year

Deadline to apply: December 5th

Major eligibility criteria: must have a PhD or terminal degree in your field (Note: MS in engineering plus 3+ years of post-degree professional experience also qualify), US citizenship required

Placement opportunities: Congress, and nearly all STEM related federal agencies (including the NSF!)

Website: <http://fellowships.aaas.org/>

NAS Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship

The National Academies Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program is an early career educational and training opportunity. It is designed to engage its Fellows in the analytical process that informs U.S. science and technology policy. Fellows develop basic skills essential to working or participating in science policy at the federal, state, or local levels.

Fellowship tenure: 12 weeks, 2 sessions a year (Winter/Spring, and Fall)

Deadlines: Winter/Spring session: October 1st, Fall session: May 1st

Major eligibility criteria: Graduate and professional school students and those who have completed graduate studies (degree awarded) within the last five years may apply. The program is open to all US and non-US citizens who meet the eligibility criteria (see the website for more information.)

Placement opportunities: Many divisions within the National Academies of Science and Engineering

Website: <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/policyfellows/index.htm>

Presidential Management Fellowship

Bearing the Presidential moniker, the PMF Program is a flagship leadership development program at the entry level for advanced degree candidates. It was created more than three decades ago by Executive Order and has gone through many changes over the years. The Program attracts and selects the best candidates possible, but is really designed with a more narrow focus - developing a cadre of potential government leaders. It provides some sustenance during the first years of employment and encourages development of leadership capabilities. The PMF Program inculcates a lasting bond as well as a spirit of public service, ultimately encouraging and leading to a career in the government.

Fellowship tenure: 2 years

Deadline: September of each year

Major selection criteria: As a graduate student from any academic discipline and expected to complete an advanced degree (master's, law, or doctoral-level degree) during the current academic year, you are eligible to be nominated by your school. US citizenship required except in very rare cases.

Placement opportunities: Nearly all federal agencies, options to rotate at additional agencies

Website: <http://www.pmf.gov/> Check back for anticipated updates to this program.

*For a list of more policy fellowships for scientists and engineers see

<http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/intersection/2009/04/09/policy-fellowships-for-scientists-engineers/>

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