

Science-Technology-Policy Opportunities

GENERAL NOTE: Below is an informal list of policy-related opportunities in DC and throughout the country for STEM students at multiple levels. About half of the following are specifically seeking science or engineering undergrad/graduate students (or recent grads). The other half of the fellowships listed are recruiting certain characteristics (like knowledge in technology or innovation) or seeking to increase diverse representation in policy (gender, racial, and ethnic diversity). Please feel free to check out the links below for more information and know that these opportunities have all sorts of deadlines that can change from year to year so make sure to check back early and often. Good luck!

- AAAS (can only apply after completion of PhD): <https://www.aaas.org/programs/science-technology-policy-fellowships>
- AGU (similar to above): https://sciencepolicy.agu.org/congressional_fellows/
- Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) (these opportunities are continually updating and changing, check back often, has all B.S./M.S./Ph.D/Post Doc levels): <https://orise.ornl.gov/stem/internships-fellowships-research-opportunities/index.html>
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Science, Technology and Policy Program (also administered by ORISE above but separate positions focused on energy and water): <https://www.energy.gov/eere/education/energy-efficiency-and-renewable-energy-science-technology-and-policy-program>
- Christine Mirzayan Science Policy Program (generally done during graduate school, or the spring semester following): <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/policyfellows/>
- Presidential Management Fellowship (this is a GREAT way to get into high level government service, very competitive but worth it): <https://www.pmf.gov/>
- Presidential Innovation Fellowship (again as above, great way to get in, very competitive): <https://presidentialinnovationfellows.gov/apply/>
- Knauss Fellowship (related to ocean policy): <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Knauss>
- IDA Science and Technology Policy Fellowship (cannot have PhD but can have masters or bachelor's degrees): <https://www.ida.org/STPI/STPIResearchStaff/FellowshipProgram>
- Union of Concerned Scientists Science and Democracy Fellowship (UCS has several similar programs, be sure to check their website): <https://www.ucsusa.org/take-action/science-network/science-and-democracy-fellowship>
- California Science and Policy Fellowship (if willing to relocate to CA, this is a very prestigious state-level policy program): <https://ccst.us/ccst-science-fellows-program/>
- IEEE State Department Fellows: <https://ieeepubs.org/advocacy/government-fellowships/engineering-and-diplomacy-fellowships/>
- If you are an NSFGRFP recipient, you also qualify for a variety of their GRIP/GROW internship programs at various agencies. It's a great way to also spend a summer or semester while on your GRFP <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2018/nsf18069/nsf18069.jsp>
- TechCongress Congressional Innovation Fellowship (no degree requirements, must be into technology): <https://www.techcongress.io/the-fellowship>
- American Astronomical Society John Bahcall Public Policy Fellowship (post-doc): <https://aas.org/programs/john-bahcall-public-policy-fellowship>
- National Academies Gulf Research Program's Science Policy Fellowships (masters or PhD level, current or recent grad): <http://www.nationalacademies.org/gulf/fellowships/science-policy/>
- Women's Congressional Policy Institute (can apply as current grad student, or recent grad- not necessarily science-focused but they do take scientists): <http://www.wcpinst.org/our-work/congressional-fellows/>
- Congressional Black Caucus Fellowships (can apply as current grad student, or recent grad- not necessarily science-focused but they do take scientists) : <https://www.cbcfinc.org/fellowships/>
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (can apply as current grad student, or recent grad- not necessarily science-focused but they do take scientists): <https://chci.org/programs/graduate-fellowship-program/>