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Science & Technology Policy Fellowship 2025

Description

The Science and Technology Policy Fellowship teaches science and technology experts with limited policy experience how to impact policy. The Fellowship consists of two blocks: 1) a mandatory full-time policy bootcamp that teaches fellows the basics of policymaking, including practical exercises, and 2) an optional, remote, and part-time final project.

Before applying, please carefully [review the fellowship details, eligibility, and frequently asked questions on our website](#). We ask that applicants NOT use generative AI when completing this application.

Deadline

Tuesday, February 18, at 11:59pm PT

Please confirm that the program listed below is the one you would like to apply to, then type your name and follow the prompts to complete and submit your application. If you're not able to complete the application in one sitting, you can save your progress and come back later.

Applicant first and last name*

Street address*

City*

State*

Country*

Zip code (optional)

Phone number*

Please confirm the following:

I am 21 years of age or older.*

I affirm I am legally authorized to work in the U.S. and can speak English fluently.*

All applicants to this program must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or already on a work visa that allows them to receive a stipend. We unfortunately cannot sponsor visas for this program. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions section of our program page for more information on visa eligibility: aspempolicyacademy.org/fellowship

I affirm I will not use generative artificial intelligence to draft responses to the questions in this application.*

A key objective of this course is to improve participants' ability to communicate policy proposals, especially in written form. That strong emphasis on writing makes understanding how participants communicate their backgrounds, passions, and ideas in writing an important part of our evaluation of each applicant.

Because of this, we ask each applicant to affirm that they will complete this application without assistance from generative artificial intelligence tools (e.g., ChatGPT). This ensures we can evaluate each application on its own merits, as well as tailor our coursework to the abilities and interests of each incoming cohort of participants.

Please review all the materials on this page before filling out this form. You can save your answers using the button at the bottom of the form. To reduce your risk of losing your work, we recommend preparing your answers to the essay questions in a separate program, and pasting them in before submission.

Why did you decide to apply to this program?*

200 words

Enter up to 200 words.

Tell us about a problem or need in society related to science or technology that you want to help solve, what you already know about it (including sources), and what you would need to know to solve it. While not required, it often helps to ground the problem you describe in your professional experience in science/technology.*

250 words

Enter up to 250 words.

Identify a government official, company executive, or other decisionmaker who could affect the outcome of the problem you described above. Write them a short memo describing a concrete proposed action they could take within the next 6 months, and the challenges/obstacles they might encounter in taking the action. Please do not include your name in the memo.*

500 words

Enter up to 500 words.

Tell us about a time you did something creative or innovative, for instance to solve a frustrating problem in your work or personal life.*

100 words

Enter up to 100 words.

In 1-2 sentences, please briefly describe your professional experience and/or training on issues related to science and technology. (Please note that you will have the chance to attach a resume or share a LinkedIn (or similar) link below.)*

75 words

Enter up to 75 words.

Please indicate whether you are an expert in one or more of our priority areas. Please note that applications in the priority areas will be reviewed by experts with specific knowledge of those areas; as a result, applicants who stretch their application to fit it into a priority area may be disadvantaged by doing so. In most cases, a strong application in a priority area will have written their memo about a topic related to a priority area.*

Cybersecurity

Emerging technology (such as artificial intelligence, internet of things, autonomous vehicles, quantum computing)

Climate (including clean energy, environmental justice, and climate tech)

In 1-2 sentences, please briefly describe any past experience you may have engaging in the policy process. Please note that past policy experience is NOT a requirement, and we will prioritize admitting people who do not already have significant policymaking experience.* 75 words

Enter up to 75 words.

You may choose to submit a resume or a LinkedIn (or similar) profile. Please select which you'd like to submit.*

I'd like to upload a resume.

I'd like to link to my LinkedIn (or similar) profile.

You are welcome to submit a writing sample or other material that shows off your potential to have policy impact. (optional)



Have you participated in an Aspen Policy Academy (or Aspen Tech Policy Hub) program before?*

Yes

No

We hope to select a class that is diverse across a number of dimensions. We especially welcome applicants who belong to groups underrepresented in the science, technology, and policy space, and who work directly with communities that face marginalization and/or who seek to tackle disparities around race and ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, and other aspects of diversity. How will you help achieve the program's diversity goals, in thought, being, or action?*

Enter up to 100 words.

Please indicate if you are available and interested in participating in the optional project phase of the program, which requires 10-12 hours of work a week from June 30–August 25. (Participating in the project phase is not a requirement, but we may elect to prioritize applicants who are available to participate.) (optional)

I am available and interested in participating in the optional project phase of the program from June 30–August 25.

How did you hear about the Aspen Policy Academy and/or our programs? Please select all that apply.*

- Aspen Institute
- An Aspen Policy Academy or Aspen Tech Policy Hub alum (please specify below)
- Partner organization of the Academy (please specify below)
- A colleague or friend
- A conference or event
- Aspen Policy Academy Newsletter
- Another newsletter
- Internet search
- Media (news outlet, podcast, etc.)
- LinkedIn
- ...

To build a class that reflects diversity of thought, being, and action, we ask you to answer the following optional demographics questions. Your application will still be fully considered for our program if you decline to answer one or all of these questions.

To which gender do you most identify? Check all that apply. (optional)

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary / third gender
- Other

To which racial or ethnic group(s) do you identify? Check all that apply. (optional)

- African American or Black
- American Indian, Native American, or Alaska Native
- Arab or Middle Eastern
- Asian, including South Asian
- Hispanic or Latina/o/x
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- Other

Are you a veteran, transitioning service member, or military spouse? Check all that apply. (optional)

- Veteran
- Transitioning service member
- Military Spouse

How do you identify politically? Check the one that you align with most closely. (optional)

- Socialist
- Progressive or liberal
- Independent
- Conservative
- Libertarian
- Other

Do you identify as having a disability or chronic health condition (sensory, learning, mental, or physical)? If so, (optional) check this box.

Do you identify as LGBTQ+? If so, check this box. (optional)

If you represent any other demographic categories of diversity you'd like to flag for us, please let us know (optional) 100 words here.

Enter up to 100 words.

Please submit the names and contact information for two professional references. We will only contact references for finalists of the program.

Reference 1

Name*

Title and organization*

Email*

Phone number*

Relationship to you*

Reference 2

Name*

Title and organization*

Email*

Phone number*

Relationship to you*