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# Science & Technology Policy Fellowship 2026

**Description**

The summer 2026 Science and Technology Policy Fellowship will run from June 1-26, 2026, virtually and in-person at Tides Converge in San Francisco. Fellows who choose to participate in the final project will do so virtually from June 29-August 24, 2026.

Before applying, please carefully [review the fellowship details, eligibility, and frequently asked questions on our website](#).

**Deadline**

Thursday, February 5, 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. Your answers will automatically be saved, but may not remain if you navigate away from this page. We thus recommend preparing your answers to the essay questions in a separate program, and pasting them in before submission.

Applicant first and last name\*

Please confirm the following:

☐ I am 21 years of age or older.\*

By checking this box, you affirm that you are aged 21 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: [aspenpolicyacademy.org/fellowship](https://aspenpolicyacademy.org/fellowship)

Please tell us how you used AI tools in completing this application.

This information will not be used in making selection decisions. Select all that apply.\*

☐ I used generative AI to write the first draft of my responses, but edited them myself.

☐ I wrote the first draft of my responses myself but used generative AI to edit my responses.

☐ I used generative AI to write my responses.

☐ I did not use generative AI.

☐ Other

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, not least because we do not allow AI use in many of our assignments. Because of this, if you do elect to use generative AI tools, we ask that you disclose it. We also note that generative AI applications written without human input very likely will not have the personalization or detail to do well in our evaluation process.

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 any required 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 will help to ground the problem you describe in your professional experience in science/technology.\*

250 words

Enter up to 250 words.

Please indicate below whether the problem you identified relates to one of our priority areas. Your problem is not required to qualify in a priority area. 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.

☐ Cybersecurity

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

☐ Environment

☐ Other (please specify below)

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 to fix your problem, 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.

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.\*  
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)



We hope to select a class with a variety of life experiences. We especially welcome applicants who bring perspectives that are less commonly represented in policy, or those who have experience engaging with or working directly with communities that face systemic challenges. What unique perspectives do you bring to this work?\*

Enter up to 100 words.

Please submit the names and contact information for 2 professional references, including one former supervisor. 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\*

Optional: You are welcome to answer the following optional demographic questions for statistical purposes. We do not consider demographic information in evaluating your application.

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

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

With 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

Check the political philosophy that you align with most closely. (optional)

- ☐ Socialism
- ☐ Progressivism/Liberalism
- ☐ Independent

- ☐ Conservatism
- ☐ Libertarianiam
- ☐ Other

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

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

Do you live in a rural, suburban, or urban area? Check all that apply. (optional)

☐ Urban

☐ Rural

☐ Suburban

Is there any additional information about your background or experiences that you would like us (optional) 100  
to know? words