AAAS
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY POLICY FELLOWSHIPS
WANT TO PLUG THE POWER OF SCIENCE INTO PUBLIC POLICY?

Become a AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow.
1973-74 Congressional Fellows
1st class of Fellows
1987-88 AAAS Fellows
The Fellowships aim to:

- Educate scientists and engineers on the intricacies of federal policymaking
- Foster positive exchange between scientists and policymakers
- Empower scientists and engineers to conduct policy-relevant research that addresses challenges facing society
- Increase the involvement and visibility of scientists and engineers in the public policy realm
Science & Technology Policy Fellows 2006-2007

- **148** Fellows -- the largest class in AAAS Fellowships history!

- **115** Fellows in the Executive Branch

- **33** Congressional Fellows (2 AAAS Fellows, 31 Fellows from partner scientific societies)

- **109** first-year Fellows and **39** second-year renewal Fellows
Science & Technology Policy Fellows 2006-2007

- Age range: 28 to 66
  (average age = 37)

- Representing academic institutions in the U.S. and abroad, NGOs, and private industry

- Representing a broad range of disciplines (social, biological, physical, medical, and engineering)
Age Range of All 2006-07 First-Year Fellows (n=108)

Age (in years)

Number of Fellows per Age

0 1 02 03 04 05 06 07 0

28

66
Gender Breakdown of All 2006-07 First-Year Fellows (n=109)

Females: 57%
Males: 43%
Percentage of All 2006-07 First-Year Fellows
According to Area of Scientific Discipline
(n=109)
FELLOWSHIP AREAS

Congressional – 2 placements
Anticipated placement opportunities: Offices of members of Congress and congressional committees.

Diplomacy – 15-25 placements
Anticipated placement opportunities:
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health
- Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
FELLOWSHIP AREAS

Energy, Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources – 15-25 placements

Anticipated placement opportunities:
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S.D.A. Forest Service
- National Science Foundation
- Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
FELLOWSHIP AREAS

Health, Education, & Human Services – 15-25 placements
   Anticipated placement opportunities:
   ▪ U.S. Department of Agriculture
   ▪ National Institutes of Health
   ▪ National Science Foundation

Global Stewardship – 1 placement
   Anticipated placement opportunities:
   ▪ Any federal agency
   ▪ Congressional office or committee,
   ▪ or non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. focusing on environment or sustainability issues
FELLOWSHIP AREAS

National Defense and Global Security – 5-10 placements
Anticipated placement opportunities:
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
Distribution of All 2006-07 First-Year Fellows by Program

Fellowship Type

- Congressional: 33
- Executive Branch: 10
- Diplomacy: 25
- EEANR: 16
- HEHS: 19
- NDGS: 3
- NTI: 2
- Revelle: 1
Criteria:

AAAS seeks candidates from a broad array of backgrounds and a diversity of geographic, disciplinary, gender, and ethnic perspectives.

Fellows come from a range of sectors, including academia, industry, and non-profits, representing a spectrum of career stages, from recent PhD graduates to faculty on sabbatical to retired scientists and engineers.
Applicants must:

- Hold a doctoral-level degree (PhD, MD, DVM, DSc, PharmD, or other terminal degree) in any physical, biological, health/medical or social science or any relevant interdisciplinary field.
  - Individuals with a master’s degree in engineering and at least three years of post-degree professional experience also may apply.
- Have solid scientific and technical credentials and the endorsement of three references.
- Show a commitment to applying their scientific or technical expertise to serve society.
- Be good communicators, both verbally and in writing, to decision-makers and non-scientific audiences.
- Demonstrate integrity and good judgment and display leadership qualities.
- Hold U.S. citizenship.
Fellowship Cycle:

Application Deadline: 20 December 2006

Notification of Eligibility: 2 January 2007

Interviews: Late February to mid-March 2007

Finalists’ Placement Week: 15 April – 20 April 2007

Placement Offers: April to June 2007

Fellowships Begin: 1 September 2007

Fellowships End: 31 August 2008
Year-long Professional Development:

- Orientation: 5 September – 18 September 2007
- Monthly Career Enhancement and Skill Building Workshops
- Monthly Seminars (organized by Fellows)
- Networking & Outreach Events
  - AAAS Annual Meeting
  - AAAS Forum on Science & Technology Policy
- Year-end retreat
Fellowship Support:

**Stipend:**
Approximately $67,000 to $87,000 (depending on years of experience)

**Relocation Allowance:**
Up to $3,500 for first-year Fellows (if move is 35+ miles from fellowship site) with stipends via AAAS.

**Health Insurance Reimbursement:**
AAAS provides monthly reimbursements for Fellows. Several options are available, including a group plan (administered by current/former Fellows)

**Travel Allowance:**
Minimum travel allowance is $3,500 for fellowship-related travel and for professional development. Varies by placement.
AAAS Fellowships:

http://fellowships.aaas.org