



American Institute
of Biological Sciences
Public Policy Office

Member Society Graduate Student Science Policy Fellowship Program Benefits and Eligibility

About the Program

There is a growing need for science to inform public policy. There is an equal need for new scientists to develop skills that enable them to effectively communicate science to decision-makers. Recognizing these needs and the fact that a growing number of biology graduate students are interested in developing exploring potential careers in science policy, the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) has developed the Graduate Student Science Policy Fellowship.

Competitively selected by AIBS and the sponsoring member society, a Fellow spends three to six months working in the professionally-staffed AIBS Public Policy Office in downtown Washington, DC. AIBS' location blocks from the White House, federal agencies, Congress, and other scientific organizations, affords Fellows the unique opportunity to learn how different parts of the government and scientific community work to develop science policy initiatives.

During their time in the AIBS Public Policy Office, Fellows works on discrete activities that cultivate policy analysis and communication skills. Past Fellows have written Washington Watch columns for BioScience, conducted policy research related to the emergence of state science policy advisors and federal biosafety policy, written items for the AIBS Public Policy Report, and met with members of Congress and federal agencies to discuss the importance of federal funding for biological research.

About AIBS

AIBS is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) scientific association dedicated to advancing biological research and education for the welfare of society. AIBS advances its mission through coalition activities in research, education, and public policy; publishing the peer-reviewed journal BioScience and the education website ActionBioscience.org; providing scientific peer review and advisory services to government agencies and other clients; convening meetings; and managing scientific programs.

Society Highlights

**Member society is a Participant level supporter of the AIBS Public Policy Office, making an annual contribution of at least \$3,500. This amount includes a \$500 fee to defray overhead and operating expenses incurred by AIBS in association with hosting the fellow.

**If the fellowship opportunity is paid, the sponsoring society directly compensates the student.

**Jointly advertise and select the fellow with the AIBS Public Policy Office



For additional information

To learn more about sponsoring a graduate student science policy fellow in the AIBS Public Policy Office, please contact AIBS Director of Public Policy, Dr. Robert Gropp, at 202-628-1500.