



GRADUATE STUDENT SCIENCE POLICY OPPORTUNITY: 2010 AIBS EMERGING PUBLIC POLICY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Applications Deadline: 5:00 PM Eastern, Friday, 5 February 2010

Applications are being accepted for the **2010 AIBS Emerging Public Policy Leadership Award (EPPLA)**. This award recognizes graduate students in the biological sciences who have demonstrated initiative and leadership in science policy. EPPLA recipients receive first-hand experience at the interface of science and public policy.

EPPLA winners will:

- Travel to Washington, DC, to participate in the Biological and Ecological Sciences Coalition (BESC) Congressional Visits Day, an annual event that brings scientists to the nation's capital to advocate for federal investments in the biological sciences. The event generally centers on advocacy for NSF and the competitive grant programs of the USDA. **Tentative** dates for the 2010 event are 21-22 April. Domestic travel and hotel expenses will be paid for the winner.
- Attend a federal budget and appropriations process briefing.
- Attend a Capitol Hill reception recognizing a member of Congress for his/her work to advance the biological sciences through public policy.
- Discuss with members of Congress the importance of federal investments in the biological sciences.
- Receive a certificate and 1-year AIBS membership, including *BioScience* and a copy of "*Communicating Science: A Primer for Working with the Media.*"
- Become a part of the EPPLA alumni network.

Application Process and Requirements

The 2010 EPPLA is open to U.S. citizens enrolled in a graduate degree program in a biological science, science education, or closely allied field. Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in and commitment to biological science policy and/or science education policy. Prior EPPLA winners and AIBS science policy interns/fellows are not eligible.

To apply: Send a cover letter, statement, resume, and letter of reference to publicpolicy@aibs.org no later than 5 PM Eastern Time on Friday, 5 February 2010. The subject line of the e-mail must include "EPPLA 2010" and the applicant's name. All documents

should be included as an attachment with a file name following the model of name_document (e.g., [Smith_Robin_EPPLA_Application_2010](#)). A single PDF document is recommended.

- Cover letter: Describe your interest in science policy and how participation in the Congressional Visits Day will further your career goals. Confirm your ability to travel to Washington, DC, during spring 2010.
- Statement: In 500 words or less, articulate the importance of federal investments in fundamental biological sciences research, such as that provided by NSF. A successful statement will communicate to a nonscientist the benefits of fundamental biological research to the United States and draw upon the applicant's experiences and research. The statement may reference local issues and concerns that may be of interest to your Congressional delegation.
- Resume (1 page): The resume should emphasize leadership and communication experience — this may include graduate, undergraduate, or non-academic activities, relevant education, work experience, honors and awards, and scientific society memberships. Conference presentations and scientific manuscripts may be included, but they will not be considered in the evaluation of the application.

- Letter of reference: A reference letter should be provided by an individual who can attest to your leadership, interpersonal and communication skills, and who is familiar with your interest in or experience with science policy. The reference should send the letter to publicpolicy@aibs.org by no later than 5 PM Eastern Time on 5 February 2010.

Results will be announced in March. For information about past recipients, please visit <http://www.aibs.org/public-policy>. Questions about the award should be sent to publicpolicy@aibs.org.