

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE  
 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY POLICY FELLOWSHIPS AFFINITY GROUPS**

**Professional Development and Affinity Groups**

Affinity groups are an integral component of the Science and Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF) professional development experience. These networks are self-directed and self-defined and provide a forum to meet and discuss targeted areas of interest, including various areas of science, policy, and specific topical issues. Affinity group activities range from presentations and discussions with distinguished guest speakers to monthly meetings, workshops, and full-day symposia. Through this experiential component, fellows have an opportunity to demonstrate leadership in science policy outside of their host agency/office placements.

**2021-22 STPF Affinity Groups**

1. **Advanced Manufacturing:** shares and advances knowledge and passion for advanced manufacturing and sustainability in the U.S. and develop a network of advocates.
2. **Agriculture and Nutrition (AgriNut):** focus on domestic and international agriculture issues and ensuring proper access to nutrition.
3. **Biodiversity:** fosters networking opportunities and promotes professional development and outreach within the conservation community.
4. **Climate/Energy:** a network of science and engineering leaders with an interest in energy and climate issues.
5. **Data for Good:** explores what scientists, thought leaders, and policy makers can do to promote societal good in the age of artificial intelligence.
6. **Developing Infrastructure Group (DIG):** focuses on policies for smart, sustainable, and equitable physical and digital infrastructure in communities, whether large or small, urban or rural, domestic or international.
7. **Entrepreneurship and Innovation:** learn about skills/ experiences related to managing and scaling enterprises.
8. **Fellows over F -- ty (FoF):** provides support, resources and peer-mentoring both for current and incoming mid-senior career fellows.
9. **Global/One Health:** fostering collaboration across disciplines and work environments to promote global health policies.
10. **Mentoring:** connecting STPF fellows with volunteer mentors in scientific and policy fields to enhance professional and personal development.
11. **R Users Group:** sharing knowledge about the statistical programming language R and its use in the federal government.
12. **Science and Technology Studies (STS):** a theoretical and applied field that explores the coproduction of science, technology, and society.
13. **Science Diplomacy:** explores how science and technology cooperation can be used as a tool for diplomacy both between governments and between non-state actors.
14. **Scientists with Improv Skills (SWIS):** teaches scientists improvisational comedy skills to improve their ability to communicate with diverse stakeholder groups.
15. **Social Science:** fellows who are applying social science research in their host office to exchange knowledge, resources, and ideas.
16. **STEAM Team:** aims to enhance the development of fellows and their communities by encouraging a multi-directional exchange of values and ideas between fellows, the general population, and groups traditionally underrepresented in STEAM.
17. **U.S. Healthcare Policy:** catering to fellows interested in better understanding the U.S. healthcare system and how it interacts with science and technology.
18. **Water:** focuses on different aspects of water use from inland waters to the ocean, and water related issues like food security, climate change, and environmental justice.
19. **Sci on the Fly:** a collaborative blog and podcast managed by fellows that promotes public dialogue about science and science policy.