



Science & Technology
Policy Fellowships



50 Years Enhancing Policy, Transforming Careers.

Class of 2025-26 Orientation | September 11, 2025

STPF ESSENTIALS: COMMUNICATION POLICIES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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STPF ESSENTIALS: COMMUNICATION POLICIES

General Comm Policies

- STPF communications channels should not be used for partisan commentary or political fundraising.
 - If you plan to or are running for office, let us / your program manager know!
 - This includes listservs.
- Be mindful! Treat these as public forums and use professionalism.
 - WhatsApp groups
 - Slack channel
 - Fellows listserv

General Comm Policies

- In communications with STPF, AAAS, agencies, etc., fellows are expected to:
 - Adhere to ethics policies.
 - Maintain a dispassionate tone.
 - Demonstrate decorum.
 - Be mindful of both real and perceived conflicts of interest.
- Have questions about your fellowship or the STPF program?
 - Your program managers are your BEST SOURCE!!
 - Please reach out to them or fellowships@aaas.org and we will get your questions answered.

General Comm Policies

- With STPF professional development (e.g., orientation) events:
 - Do not share private or sensitive information.
 - **Do not share comments/slides made by speakers without speaker permission.**
- Did you draft or help write a bill/a major piece of work?
 - **STPF practice is to attribute authorship to the legislator(s).**
 - It is better to say:
 - “I helped write this bill”
 - “I was instrumental in crafting this bill.”
- Learn more on FellowsCentral: Home> Policies, Guidelines & More > Communication Policies, Platforms, Etc.

Communicating with the Media

- STPF encourages fellows to communicate science and technology to the public!
 - Tips for communicating with various audiences: [AAAS Communications Toolkit](#).
 - <https://www.aaas.org/resources>
- Before giving an interview or comments for a media story:
 - **Check with your host office media relations staff for any clearance or guidance.**
- **When speaking to the media, seek out permission from us before mentioning STPF or AAAS. AAAS is rigorously nonpartisan.**
 - In any interview or public speaking, make it clear that you speak as an individual, and not on behalf of AAAS or its journals.
 - Email fellowships@aaas.org with any questions.

Naming Affinity Groups & Your Events

- **Group Name** – name of any group/platform/channel/entity formally associated with the fellowship must include “STPF” in it.
 - **Example:** STPF Biofuels Affinity Group
- Notify STPF of any new webpages pages, groups, platform profiles created during your fellowship.
- If you want to include “AAAS,” you must also include “STPF” or “Policy Fellows”.
 - Avoid confusion with AAAS Fellows, AAAS Mass Media Fellows, etc.
- Tag the STPF account (@AAAS_STPF) so we can see and share your posts!
- **Logo usage:** Usage of STPF logo is not allowed without permission from STPF.

Referring to Your Fellowship

- All STPF fellows may add “2025-26” to the beginning of that title to denote your class: I’m a **2025-26 AAAS S&T Policy Fellow!**
- **Double check the format with your partner society (if applicable).**

Executive Branch Fellow sponsored by AAAS

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow
AAAS S&T Policy Fellow
STPF fellow
AAAS policy fellow

Executive Branch Fellow sponsored by partner society

“[Name of society] Science &
Technology Policy Fellow.”

Referring to Your Fellowship

Legislative Branch Fellow

[Name of society] Congressional Science & Engineering Fellow.

Judicial Branch Fellow

2025-26 Judicial Branch Fellow at the Federal Judicial Center

Roger Revelle Fellow

2025-26 Roger Revelle Fellow at [organization]

Platforms – Connect with STPF

- **FellowsCentral** is an exclusive platform for current and alumni fellows to network and collaborate.
 - Find news and info about STPF.
 - Read the latest newsletters.
 - Search for fellows in the Fellow Directory.
- **Sci on the Fly Blog & Podcast (Sci on the Fly)** is a fellows-run blog and podcast.
 - Promotes public understanding of science and policy.
 - Contribute or apply to become an editor today by reaching out to editors!
 - <https://www.aaaspolicyfellowships.org/blog/about-sci-fly>

Platforms – Connect with STPF

- **STPF Social Media.** We engage actively with the science policy community. Tag us so we can repost!
 - X and Instagram: @aaas_stpf
 - We're also on YouTube, LinkedIn, Facebook.
 - Alumni & current fellows exclusive LinkedIn group:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/92299/>
- **STPF Email Lists** (aka listservs) are a direct email channel among fellows.
 - The “Fellows Careers” list is open to current and alumni fellows.
 - Exclusively for sharing job opportunities and resources.
 - After your fellowship, join the alumni listservs!



PODCAST | Bridging the Gap: How Engaged Research Connects Science to Real-World Impact



PODCAST | Rooted in Language and Community

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Alumni Spotlight Series: Arati Prabhakar, PhD



Cultivating reciprocity through wildland fire science in the era of climate change

Sci on the Fly Blog & Podcast

aaaspolicyfellowships.org/BLOG

- Work with current fellows and alumni to create, edit, publish and promote blogs and podcasts on scipol.
 - Share fellowship / application advice.
 - Write about your conference experiences.
 - Your scipol passions!

- Connect one-on-one with interview experts who are leaders in their fields.

- Gain a byline and add it to your resume.

- **JOIN!** Connect with editors and producers on FellowsCentral.

Posting on Social

- **ALWAYS** check with your office's policies about social media guidelines
- Make sure in your bio you put "**views represent my own and not that of STPF/AAAS/[your office]**"
- Do not access TikTok on government-provided devices.
- Tag us!

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About the PD Program

Learning Goals & Objectives

- Policy & the Federal Government
- Leadership
- Communication
- Networking & Career Strategies



The complete [STPF Learning Goals & Objectives](#) are located on FellowsCentral.

About the PD Program

PD Events

- Orientation
- Workshops
- Affinity Group Events
- Special topical & alumni events
- Community Celebration & Career Summit



PD Workshops and Events

How to know about upcoming events:

- [PD Calendar](#) on FellowsCentral
- [Events Listing](#) on FellowsCentral
- Email notifications



The [PD Archive](#) is the place to go to review resources from previous events!

Workshops & Events

Save the Date:

Composing Fellowship Impact Plans

Wednesday, October 8th

2:00-5:00 p.m.

Held at AAAS



More information coming soon!

Affinity Groups (AGs)

Self-directed and self-defined networks that provide a forum to discuss targeted areas of interest related to science, policy, and specific topical issues.



For more information, visit the [Groups Directory](#) on FellowsCentral.

Endless Opportunities

PD Stipends:

- The availability, amount, and administration of stipends depends on a fellow's hiring mechanism & placement.
- Requires approval.
- Fees must be paid directly to the vendor/facilitator.
- Trainings not organized by STPF must be organized and hosted by the vendor/facilitator.

Professional Coaching:

- Goal setting
- Self-discovery
- Accountability
- Vetted coaches
- More details soon on FellowsCentral

PD Program Innovation

How you can help:

- Evaluation responses
- Constructive, specific suggestions
- Topic ideas
- Speaker ideas

Contact us:

stpf-pd@aaas.org