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**[Name of fellow] of [name of institution] is Awarded a Prestigious  
AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship**

Washington, D.C., and [institution's city] (MM DD, YY) — The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) is pleased to announce [name of fellow] of [name of institution] and other members of the 53<sup>rd</sup> class of the Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF) program. STPF fellows are chosen from a select group of doctoral-level scientists and highly experienced Masters-level engineers to engage in a one-year immersive educational opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the public policy arena while leveraging their expertise to help confront major societal issues in the U.S. government.

Among the 148 highly trained STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) professionals selected, [last name of fellow] will spend a year serving at the [host agency/office]. (\*Class size fluctuates in the first few months of the fellowship year due to issues such as varying wait time for security clearances.)

[If available, add info on the fellow's background and placement office.]

“Having been an STPF fellow myself, the start of each fellowship year brings both fond memories and excitement for the future,” said Rashada Alexander, Ph.D., STPF director and alumna fellow. “The 53<sup>rd</sup> class of STPF fellows are quite the gathering of minds: these are expert-level scientists and engineers who have chosen to devote a year or more to help ensure that the nation’s policies are informed by science.”

Fellows like [last name of fellow] will learn first-hand about federal policymaking and implementation. They will also gain invaluable skills in communication, diplomacy, collaboration and consensus-building.

[Insert quote from the institution and/or fellow.]

The 2025-26 fellowship class is sponsored by organizations including AAAS, the Moore Foundation and partner scientific societies. Of the 148 fellows chosen, 38 will serve in Congress, one will serve at the Federal Judicial Center, one is a Roger Revelle fellow, and 102 will serve in the executive branch. This year, there are also six members of AAAS’ new pilot program, Pathways to Policy Fellowship, placing scientists in a variety of settings outside of the federal government, including nonprofit organizations, corporations, and think tanks. Among the fellows in Congress, six are members of AAAS’ special AI Rapid Response Cohort – experts in artificial intelligence and related areas recruited to help confront pressing issues such as privacy, intellectual property rights, employment, and innovation in the field.

The STPF program supports evidence-based policymaking by leveraging the knowledge and analytical mindset of science and engineering experts, and trains leaders for a strong U.S. science and technology enterprise. Fellows represent a vast array of

disciplines, backgrounds and career stages. After the fellowship, many remain in the policy arena working at the federal, state, regional or international level, while others pursue careers in academia, industry or the nonprofit sector.

The STPF program was founded in 1973. At the end of their service, [last name] will join a select corps of 4,000+ alumni fellows who are equipped to solve problems with a unique set of science policy skills and acumen.

STPF also launched a successful alumni network to stimulate and support collaboration among them to further the STPF mission of supporting evidence-based decision-making in US public policy.

Visit [www.aaas.org/stpf](http://www.aaas.org/stpf) to learn more about the AAAS S&T Policy Fellowships.

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