New fellows are required to attend a two-week orientation program at the start of the fellowship year. The goal of orientation is to provide information about the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, help define fellows’ roles, and offer context and contacts that will be useful in their assignments.

**SUMMARY AGENDA**

**Monday, August 31—Congressional Fellows Onboarding**

- **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Congressional Fellowships 101**
  - Cynthia Robinson, Director, S&T Policy Fellowships, AAAS
  - Eddie Gonzalez, Project Director, S&T Policy Fellowships, AAAS
  - Joanne Padrón Carney, Director, Office of Government Relations, AAAS
  - Eric Fischer, Senior Specialist in Science and Technology, Congressional Research Service
  - Laura Sherman, 2014-15 AGU Congressional Fellow with Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)
  - Josh Hoffman, 2014-15 SME Congressional Fellow with the House Natural Resources Cmt (majority)
  - Emily Lewis, 2014-15 ACS Congressional Fellow with the House Natural Resources Cmt (minority)

- **3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Intro to Congress**
  - Gebe Martinez, GM Consulting

- **4:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.: Congressional Fellowships Mixer**

**Tuesday, September 1—Introduction**

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Welcome and Introduction**
  - Cynthia Robinson, Director, S&T Policy Fellowships, AAAS

- **10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: AAAS CEO Welcome**
  - Rush Holt, Chief Executive Officer, AAAS

- **10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Effective Professional Engagement Strategies**
  - Mary Crane, Owner, Mary Crane & Associates

- **2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.: The American Experiment in Government**
  - Carol Berkin, Presidential Professor of History, Emerita, Baruch College & The Graduate Center, City University of New York

- **3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Executive Branch (Ballroom)**
  - Joanne Hogan, Environmental Protection Agency; Holli Beckerman Jaffe, National Institutes of Health; Beth Kelly, U.S. Department of Energy; Karen Santoro, National Science Foundation; Frank Walsh, U.S. Agency for International Development

- **3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Congressional Ethics (2nd Floor Balcony)**
  - Karena Dees, U.S. House of Representatives; Deborah Sue Mayer, U.S. Senate
• 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Security Clearance Consultation for USAID Fellows (by invitation only)
  Chris McPhaul, Project Director, Finance & Security/Facility Security Officer, S&T Policy Fellowships, AAAS

Wednesday, September 2—Policy

• 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Science Policy vs. Science for Policy
  Tobin Smith, Vice President for Policy, Association of American Universities (AAU)

• 10:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Translating Science to Inform Policy
  Carolyn Bartholomew, Nonprofit Consultant; Abigail Abrash Walton, Director, Center for Academic Innovation, Antioch University New England

• 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: Fellows’ Speed Bonding
  Eddie Gonzalez, Project Director, Professional Development & Congressional Fellowships, S&T Policy Fellowships, AAAS

• 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.: Admin Session for Fellows Employed by AAAS Fellowship Programs, Inc. (AFPI)
  Cynthia Robinson; Cody Bridges, Senior Project Administrator, S&T Policy Fellowships, AAAS

Thursday, September 3—The Budget

• 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Economic Policy
  Gary Burtless, John C. and Nancy D. Whitehead Chair in Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution

• 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: The Budget Process in the Executive Branch
  Celinda Marsh, NASA Program Examiner, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Executive Office of the President

• 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Federal R&D Budget & the Congressional Budget Process
  Matthew Hourihan, Director, R&D Budget and Policy Program, AAAS

• 12:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.: Luncheon Activity: Writing an Appropriations Bill
  Matthew Hourihan

• 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: The Wild, Wacky, Wonderful World of Policy
  Charles Cushman, Dean of Academics, College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University

• 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.: Group Photo at the Capitol Reflecting Pool (Maps and directions are provided)
  Leave The Fairfax at 5:00 p.m.; Photo at 5:45 p.m.
  Directions to Capitol Reflecting Pool: 1st Street, NW/SW, between Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, and Maryland Avenue, SW (West side of the U.S. Capitol Building)
  Judiciary Square Metro Station - Massachusetts Ave. Exit (Red Line) – 12 minute walk

Friday, September 4—The Executive Branch

• 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Science Advice to the U.S. President
  Moderator: Ed Derrick, Director, Center of Science Policy and Society Programs, AAAS
  Speaker: John Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; and Co-Chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)
10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: The Presidency
Mark Rozell, Acting Dean and Professor, School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs, George Mason University

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.: Luncheon Speaker: Functions of the Federal Government: Statistics and Policy
Margo Schwab, Science Policy Analyst, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Executive Office of the President

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.: Functions of the Federal Government: The Regulatory Process
Julie Callahan, Deputy Director, Strategy, Partnerships and Analytics, Office of International Programs, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Janell Kause, Scientific Advisor for Risk Assessment, Office of Public Health Science, U.S. Department of Agriculture

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: The Interagency Process: A Look at the Strategy for American Innovation
Jenn Gustetic, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; Wendy Taylor, U.S. Agency for International Development; Scott Davis, RAND Corporation

Tuesday, September 8—The Legislative Branch

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: The Constitution
Stephen Wermiel, Professor of Practice in Constitutional Law and Associate Director of the Summer Institute on Law and Government, American University Washington College of Law

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.: The History of the House of Representatives: Unique Features and the Role of Technology Over Time
Laura O’Hara, Senior Historical Web Editor, Office of the Historian, U.S. House of Representatives

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.: Luncheon Keynote: Congressional Perspectives on Congress
Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY-25th), U.S. House of Representatives

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.: The Legislative Process
Jenelle Krishnamoorthy, 2003-04 SRCD Congressional Fellow, U.S. Senate & 2004-05 Executive Branch Fellow, U.S. Department of State; Executive Director, U.S. Policy and Government Relations, Merck

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Congressional Insight
Ian Dubin, Associate Director, Brookings Executive Education; Christopher Mancini, Program Coordinator, Brookings Executive Education; Elizabeth McElvein, Research Assistant, Brookings Institution Center for Governance Studies

Wednesday, September 9—Diplomacy/Judicial Branch/Security

9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.: Lobbying For Evidence: External Influences On The Policy Process
Ron Haskins, 1985-86 SRCD Congressional Fellow, U.S. Senate, Cabot Family Chair in Economic Studies, Brookings Institution; Jon Baron, Vice President of Evidence-Based Policy, Laura and John Arnold Foundation; Andrea Kane, Senior Director of Policy, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.: Science Diplomacy
Román Macaya, Ambassador of Costa Rica to the United States of America, Embassy of Costa Rica

12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Luncheon Keynote: The Judiciary, Science, and Policy (tentative)
The Honorable Reggie B. Walton, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
• 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: The Judicial Branch
  *Alan Morrison*, Lerner Family Associate Dean for Public Interest and Public Service Law; Professorial Lecturer in Law, The George Washington University Law School

• 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Science and Security
  *Daryl Copeland*, Senior Fellow, Canadian Global Affairs Institute

Thursday, September 10—Preparing for Public Service

• 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.: A Nation Responds to Crisis: Ebola

• 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.: Scientists in Public Service: Developing Leadership, Empathy and Communication Skills across Cultures, Countries and Disciplines
  *Marga Gual Soler*, Project Director, Center for Science Diplomacy, AAAS; *Thomas Seager*, Associate Professor, School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment, Arizona State University

• 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Luncheon Activity: Cross-Cultural Comms and EQ
  *Marga Gual Soler, Alexis Erwin*, 2014-16 Executive Branch Fellow, USAID; *Olga Naidenko*, 2014-16 Executive Branch Fellow, EPA; *David Schnaars*, 2014-16 Executive Branch Fellow, State; *Benjamin Wang*, 2014-16 Executive Branch Fellow, DOD, DOE

• 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Fellowship Impact Plan (Early Career)(Ballroom)
  Moderator: *Chitra Kalyandurg*, Program Manager, DSD, S&T Policy Fellowships, AAAS
  Panelists: *Chioke Harris*, 2014-16 Executive Branch Fellow, Energy; *Nishal Mohan*, 2013-15 Executive Branch Fellow, NSF; *Marit Wilkerson*, 2014-16 Executive Branch Fellow, USAID

• 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Fellowship Impact Plan (Mid-Senior Career)(2nd Floor Balcony)
  Moderator: *Robert Petish*, Program Manager, HEHS and BDA, S&T Policy Fellowships, AAAS
  Panelists: *Heather Watson*, 2014-16 Executive Branch Fellow, NSF; *Paul T Mungai*, 2014-16 Executive Branch Fellow, State; *Mangala Sharma*, 2012-14 Executive Branch Fellow, State, Program Director, National Science Foundation

• 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Closing Keynote: Making the Most of Your Fellowship
  *Geri Richmond*, Presidential Chair in Science and Professor of Chemistry, University of Oregon, 2015-16 President, AAAS

• 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Wrap-up/Final Words
  *Eddie Gonzalez*, Project Director, Professional Development & Congressional Fellows, S&T Policy Fellowships, AAAS

• 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Next Steps
  Cynthia Robinson, Director, S&T Policy Fellowships, AAAS

• 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Commissioning of Fellows and Welcome Reception
  *Rush Holt*, Chief Executive Officer, AAAS
Friday, September 11--Congressional Immersion/Agency-specific Orientations

- 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. : Congressional Immersion (Congressional Fellows only)
  Location: Library of Congress, Please see detailed agenda from your program manager

- 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. : Agency-specific Orientations (Executive Branch Fellow only)
  Location: Various, Please see detailed agenda from your program manager.

Saturday, September 12—Picnic for Fellows and Families

*Time*: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Location*: Section D of Hains Point Picnic Area (East Potomac Park) (14th St SW Washington, DC. 20024)