


National Institutes of Health

# Office of Science Policy


## AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships at the NIH



# Background

- Program established 1973, began at the NIH in 2001
  - Fellowships provide the opportunity for scientists and engineers to *learn about policy-making while contributing their knowledge and analytical skills to the federal government*
  - NOT a laboratory Fellowship
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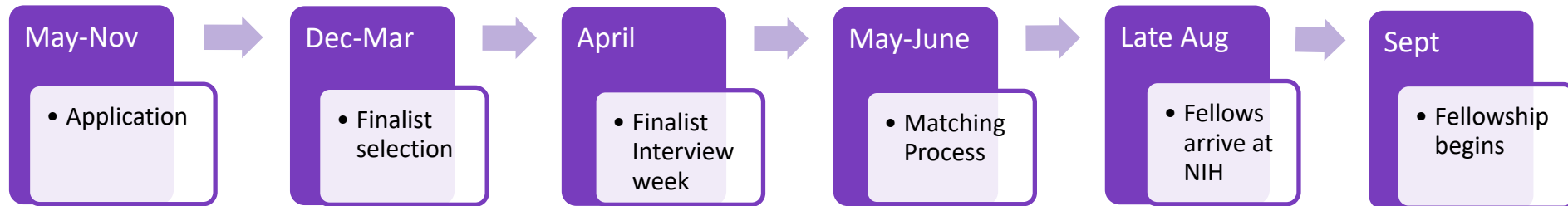
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- **NIH can host a maximum of 40 Fellows at any one time**
  - **This year we will have at least 20 open slots**
  - **The Fellowship is one year, beginning September 1, with the option to renew for a second year**
  - **Fellowship CANNOT be extended past 2 years**
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# Who are the Fellows?

- **US Citizens (can not be Federal employees)**
- **Ph.D., M.D., or other terminal degree in science/engineering**
- **Recent graduates to senior-level scientists and professionals**
- **Exceptional communication skills**
- **Strong interest in policy issues and applying knowledge toward biomedical research policies**
- **Placed throughout NIH in a range of offices related to policy, program planning evaluation, and communications**

# Fellows Selection and Placement Process



## ■ Upcoming Key Dates:

- ❑ Sign up on NIH website: January 25 – February 5, 2021
- ❑ Register and upload position description on AAAS portal: February 15 – March 4, 2021
- ❑ Placement Interview Week: April 12 – 16, 2021

**NOTE: Signing up and interviewing candidates does not commit your office to hosting a Fellow**

# Hosting Fellows at NIH

- Appointed as Schedule A temporary FTEs
  - Allocated through the OD/OSP, but assigned to host offices.
- Appointed at GS-12 (Step 1, Step 5 or Step 10)
- **Costs for the fellow are paid directly by host office**
  - Salary, benefits, travel, performance awards
  - AAAS administrative fees – for 2020-21 the fee was \$21,647 for first year fellows, and \$19,606 for second year fellows

## Keep in Mind...

- **This is a competitive process (last year 65 offices competed for 21 Fellowship slots)**
- **Offices that get the best match get a Fellow**
  - **The Fellows are interviewing YOU too**
- **So consider:**
  - **Writing a strong office description**
  - **Strategy for selecting interviewees**
  - **Interview strategy**

# AAAS Policy Fellowship Information Listserv

- **Subscribe for:**
  - Information about hosting a AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow
  - Notifications on key dates for signing up to interview potential fellows
  - General information and news about the program
- To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to [listserv@list.nih.gov](mailto:listserv@list.nih.gov) with the message: **Subscribe AAAS\_POLICY\_FELLOWSHIP\_INFO**



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