

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

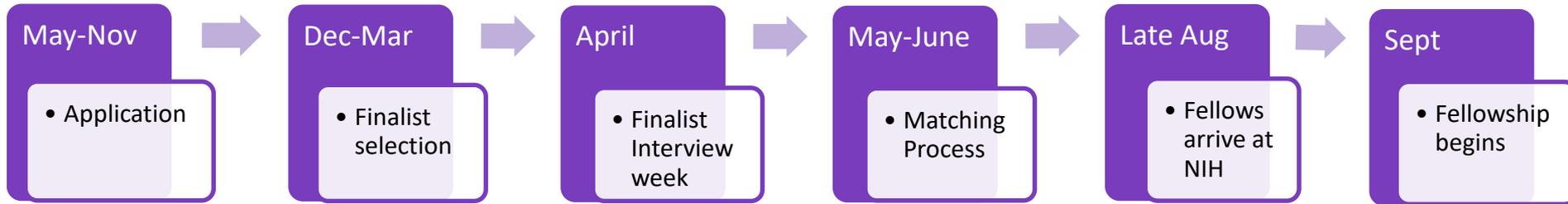
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- **NIH can host a maximum of 40 Fellows at any one time**
 - **This year we will have at least 18 open slots**
 - **The Fellowship is one year, beginning September 1, with the option to renew for a second year**
 - **Fellowship CANNOT be extended 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: February 3 – February 21, 2020
- ❑ Register and upload position description on AAAS portal: February 24 – March 9, 2020
- ❑ Placement Interview Week: April 20 – 24, 2020

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 2019-20 the fee was \$21,016 for first year fellows, and \$19,035 for second year fellows

Keep in Mind...

- **This is a competitive process (last year 65 offices competed for 22 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 with the message: **Subscribe AAAS_POLICY_FELLOWSHIP_INFO****

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