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- The Congressional Science and Technology Policy Fellowships program is a unique way for physicists and engineers to become involved in the policymaking process on Capitol Hill.
- Fellows spend one year in Washington, D.C. working as special legislative assistants on the staff of a member of Congress or congressional committee, beginning each year in September.
- Congressional Fellows use their scientific background to influence policy decisions and make an impact on legislation affecting the scientific community at a national level.

SPIE co-sponsors a Congressional Fellow with The Optical Society each year. Fellows receive a salary, as well as a stipend for health insurance, travel and relocation expenses. This program is open to those who have or will complete a Ph.D. by September 1, 2021.

What past Fellows had to say.....

“Serving as the 2019-2020 Arthur H. Guenther Congressional Fellow has been an honor and an invaluable learning experience. Working as committee staff for a Senator taught me an immense amount about the legislative process and the vital function of Congressional oversight. I am excited to build upon these experiences and continue working in policy. I am also grateful for the friendships and connections that I have built with staff and fellows over the past year. Being involved during such a tumultuous time has been challenging, but it has also made the experience more deeply meaningful and sharpened my desire to be involved in public service.”

-Christina Willis
2019-2020 Congressional Fellow

“My fellowship year on the Hill was absolutely transformational. I started the year as a scientist with some public policy training and ended the year as a public policy practitioner with expertise in science and technology. Spending a year making policy and working in Congress is an incredible opportunity to learn how policy is made and the reality of politics and policy at the highest levels of our government. I am so thankful to OSA and SPIE for enabling me to have this transformative experience.”

-Ben Isaacoff
2018-2019 Congressional Fellow

Application Deadline:
8 January 2021

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