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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) congratulates Ryan Edwards on his selection as the 2018-2019 William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellow. The Fisher Fellowship offers geoscientists the unique opportunity to spend a year in Washington, D.C., working as a staff member in the office of a member of Congress or with a congressional committee. Edwards will begin his Fellowship on September 1, 2018, after receiving his Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Princeton University later this spring.

Edwards' research seeks to better understand hydraulic fracturing and geological storage of carbon dioxide through numerical modeling. Edwards is also a fellow with the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton, where he works on energy and climate policy. He is investigating pathways to accelerate deployment of carbon capture and storage, and he is also leading a team working to reduce Princeton University's carbon emissions.

Prior to moving to the U.S. from Australia, Edwards completed a B.E. in Civil and Environmental Engineering and B.Sc. in Geology at the University of Adelaide and worked as a water engineer in the mining and natural resource management industries.

"Ryan understands that real-world scientific problems can't be solved by science alone and are just as dependent on communication and decision-making," said AGI Executive Director Allyson Anderson Book. "His work in carbon capture and storage is timely and relevant, and he will be a strong addition to any Congressional staff."

Every year, AGI's Fisher Fellow joins more than two dozen other scientists and engineers for an intensive orientation program on the legislative and executive branches, organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), which also guides the placement process and provides educational and collegial programs throughout the year. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/AGI-CSF>.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is a nonprofit federation of 52 scientific and professional associations that represents more than 260,000 geoscientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

AGI is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

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