AGI/Paleontological Society Geoscience Policy Internship

Level: BS/BA or MS/MA

The Paleontological Society will support one of its student members to work as an intern at the American Geosciences Institute in summer 2020. The intern will take on substantive work while at AGI with a focus on the intersection of policy and the concerns and impacts on the paleontological community, with topics such as land access, specimen preservation, or any other topics pertinent to the Paleontological Society. The internship will focus on a policy-related project with interns expected to produce policy-maker accessible materials, such as Geoscience Currents, reports, factsheets, and articles for publication in AGI Member Society publications. The specific project topic and scope will be developed cooperatively between AGI staff, Paleontological Society representatives, and the intern.

Interns will be afforded opportunities to interact with federal agencies, National Academy of Sciences briefings and attend congressional hearings and briefings relevant to their project. This immersion in the policy-making process in Washington, DC will allow them to observe, study, and report on how policy-making intersects with and affects the geosciences. They will hone their writing and web publishing skills while gaining first-hand policy experience and improving their understanding of the policy-making process.

Applicants must be current student members of the Paleontological Society. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, and currently enrolled in or have recently completed an undergraduate or graduate geoscience-related degree program. The total salary for the 12-week internship is $5,000. The start date is flexible and will be determined based on the schedule of the successful applicant.

The internship is based at AGI’s headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, just outside Washington, DC.

How to apply

Required Materials

- Cover Letter, including a discussion of topics of interest relative to this internship
- Resume
- References
- Current transcript (unofficial is sufficient)
- Any other documents you feel pertinent to this internship

Please submit the required materials as PDFs via email to: internships@americangeosciences.org and specify Paleontological Society Internship in the subject line.

For more information, send inquiries only to Christopher Keane at keane@americangeosciences.org.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2020

AGI plans to accept one student member of the Paleontological Society as a Geoscience Policy intern for the summer 2020 term (May through August) at a fixed salary of $5,000. This position is provided through a generous grant from the Paleontological Society. The internship lasts 12 weeks and the starting date will be determined based on the schedule of the successful applicant. Paleontological Society student members with an interest in geoscience policy are invited to apply. Applicants are encouraged to obtain credit for the internship from their university.