

Internships and Fellowships

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Geoscience Policy Internship

Level: BA/BS or MA/MS

Join the American Geosciences Institute as a full-time Geoscience Policy Intern! The Geoscience Policy program supports AGI's efforts to represent the shared interests of the geoscience community to foster better communication and public policy for the geosciences in areas including water, energy and mineral resources, natural hazards, environmental protection, and federal funding for geoscience research and education.

AGI seeks outstanding geoscience or geo-related engineering students or entry level graduates (Bachelors or Master's level) within the last year with a strong interest in federal science policy for the Geoscience Policy Internship. Interns will have the opportunity to hone their research and writing skills, while learning more about geoscience policy and the legislative process.

The Spring 2021 intern will be working on developing a new database and product to support the policy-making process of the geosciences through the development of a master geoscience legislative timeline. This project will require substantial time working on congress.gov and reviewing previous and pending legislation.

This position may be in Washington, D.C. or remote, depending on the status of the pandemic. The option to work fully remote will be honored even if working in Washington, D.C. becomes possible. The start date is flexible and will be determined based on the schedule of the successful applicant. Applicants must be currently enrolled in or recent graduates of a geoscience-related undergraduate or graduate degree program.

Title: Geoscience Policy Intern

Classification: Full-time, Non-Exempt

Salary Grade/Level: \$5,500 for 14 weeks

Location: AGI Headquarters, Alexandria, VA or Remote

Reports to: Program Supervisor, Policy and Critical Issues

Position Objective:

Research historic and current legislation to develop a geoscience legislative timeline. Intern will be part of the visioning and development process to define the scope and capabilities of the database.

Essential Functions:

- Research legislation on congress.gov and interface with appropriate congressional and agency staff to recognize the implementation of key legislation.
- Opportunity to attend in person and/or remotely watch hearings and briefings on Capitol Hill, Federal Agencies, and the National Academy of Sciences.
- Write analyses of policy developments and support strategic policy efforts
- Attend meetings and events related to policy coalitions that AGI is involved with

Required Education & Experience:

- Current undergraduate or graduate student, or entry level graduate, in the geosciences or geo-related engineering
- Demonstrable interest in public policy – no prior policy experience required
- Strong research, writing and communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively and respectfully with others
- Ability to work independently

Employee must be legally eligible to work in the United States.

AGI provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or protected Veteran status.

Spring Geoscience Policy Internship - Applications Open: August 1 / Application Deadline: October 25

Application Instructions:

1. Send a PDF of your cover letter, resume, and most recent college transcript (unofficial is acceptable), and any references or other pertinent documents to: internships@americangeosciences.org.
2. Make sure the subject line contains: Your name and notes "SPRING 2021 POLICY"

If you have questions, please send them to Christopher Keane (keane@americangeosciences.org).

View past intern profiles [here](#).

William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellowship

Level: Ph.D.

This fellowship represents a unique opportunity to gain first-hand experience with the legislative process on Capitol Hill. The successful candidate will spend 12 months (starting September 1, 2021) in Washington, D.C., working as a staff member in the office of a member of Congress or congressional committee. Fellows make practical contributions to the effective and timely use of geoscientific knowledge on issues relating to the environment, resources, natural hazards, and federal science policy.

Funding for the fellowship is provided through an endowment established by the AGI Foundation to honor William L. Fisher, the Leonidas T. Barrow Centennial Chair in Mineral Resources and Professor at the John A. and Katherine G. Jackson School of Geosciences at the University of Texas, Austin. For more information please see [The Fisher Endowment](#).

This one-year fellowship carries an annual salary of \$68,000, relocation and travel funds, plus a full benefits package including health, dental, and vision insurance, and a 403(b) plan.

Qualifications:

Prospective applicants should have a broad geoscience background and excellent written and oral communication skills. Although prior experience in public policy is not necessary, a demonstrable interest in applying science to solving public problems is desirable. A Ph.D. in geosciences is required by the time of appointment. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or already eligible to work in the United States. Individuals who are federal employees, active duty military, or foreign service personnel at the time of the application deadline are not eligible to apply. Applicants must also be a member of one of AGI's member societies, a list of which is available [here](#).

To apply, interested candidates must submit the following materials as a single document - Word (.doc or .docx) or PDF (.pdf) - using the instructions below by the deadline on February 7, 2021.

- A cover letter - The candidate's cover letter should include an addendum listing the society memberships with membership numbers, and the names and contact information of your three references.
- A statement of purpose - The statement of purpose should include your reasons for applying for this Fellowship, what you would bring to the Fellowship, and what you hope to gain from the Fellowship. It should be brief, no more than 1000 words in length.
- A curriculum vitae

Applicants must also provide three letters of reference. Letters of reference should be submitted by the application deadline using the instructions below or by regular mail to the address below.

American Geosciences Institute
ATTN: Fisher Fellowship
4220 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22302

William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellowship - Applications Open: October 16 / Application Deadline: February

Application Instructions:

1. Send a PDF of your cover letter, statement of purpose, and curriculum vitae to: fellowships@americangeosciences.org.
2. Make sure the subject line contains: Your name, the type and term you are applying for. For instance: Smith - Fisher 2021
3. For letters of reference, please have them emailed directly to fellowships@americangeosciences.org with a subject line indicating a letter of reference and your name. For instance: Smith - Letter of Reference

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Other Fellowship Opportunities:

Several of AGI's member societies also sponsor congressional science fellowships. For more information please contact:

- **The American Geophysical Union**
- **The Geological Society of America**
- **The Soil Science Society of America**
- **The American Meteorological Society**

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the American Institute of Physics, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and other related societies offer similar Congressional Fellowships, and AAAS also offers Executive Branch Fellowships. It is acceptable to apply for a position with more than one society in a given year.

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