



CEI wants to help graduate students become well-rounded professionals. Many students are interested in **science policy** as an aspect of their training and as a possible career. These resources will help you develop policy skills and find opportunities.

On-Campus Organizations and Programs

[ENGAGE](#)

[Engage UW](#)

[Forum on Science Ethics & Policy \(FOSEP\)](#)

[Graduate and Professional Student Senate \(GPSS\)](#)

[GPSS Science and Policy Steering Committee](#)

[GPSS Federal Legislative Advisory Board](#)

[GPSS State Legislative Advisory Board](#)

[Huskies on the Hill Lobby Day](#)

[Public Comment Project](#)

Science at the Market

[UW Impact](#)

Washington State Organizations, Internships, and Programs

[Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy](#)

[CleanTech Alliance: CleanTech Day in Olympia](#)

[Pacific Science Center Science Communication Fellowship](#)

[Washington State Academy of Sciences](#)

[Washington State Department of Commerce Internships](#)

[Washington State Legislative Internship Program](#)

Out of State Organizations and Programs

[CSPO Science Outside the Lab](#)

[NNCI Science Outside the Lab](#)

Out of State Internships

[American Enterprise Institute Internship](#)

[Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Internships](#)

[Union of Concerned Scientists Internship](#)

[United States Department of Commerce Internships](#)

[The Washington Center Internship Program](#)

Out of State Fellowships

[AAAS Mass Media Science & Engineering Fellows Program](#)

[ASPET Washington Fellows Program](#)

[FDA Commissioner's Fellowship Program](#)

[Google Public Policy Fellowship](#)

[Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program](#)

[Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program](#)
[New America Millennial Public Policy Fellowship](#)
[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows](#)

Post-Graduate Fellowship (Requires Masters)

[David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship](#)
[Presidential Management Fellows Program](#)

Post-doctoral Fellowship (Requires PhD)

[AAAS Science & Technology Fellowships](#)
[ASGH Genetics and Education Fellowship](#)
[California Council on Science and Technology Policy Fellows](#)
[Hellman Fellowship in Science & Technology Policy](#)
[Social Science Research Council – Abe Fellowship](#)

Examples of Careers in Science Policy

- Congressional or federal science advisor – stay up-to-date on science and technology; provide advice on scientific, engineering, and technological aspects of economy, security, health, foreign relations, environment, etc.; assists in management and budget review; serves as source of scientific judgement and technological analysis and judgment with respect to policies, plans, and programs
- Consultant – create frameworks and guidelines for regulation; assess changes and concerns in current technologies; develop, test, and deploy useful technologies
- Diversity advisor – ensures that federal policies are protective of underrepresented minorities, people with low income, communities of color, etc.; helps organize and mobilize citizens to campaign for policies; research and prepare presentations for legislative hearings
- Education & Outreach Manager – coordinates and assists with creating public education and marketing plans and materials; write engaging and informative text for press or instructional purposes; organize outreach efforts at events, shows, etc.; communicates effectively to diverse audiences
- Higher education policy analyst – studies how public, private, and for-profit universities are affected by government regulations; prepares briefs on relevant policy proposals; does background research on collaborations for university partnerships; research and prepare presentations for legislative hearings
- Judicial analyst or research associate – provides education and training for judges and employees of the federal court; coordinates educational programs for federal public defenders; does research into aspects of case management, alternative dispute resolutions, proposed amendments to rules, etc.
- Judicial defense scientist – understand and explain science behind regulations; advocate for regulations that are consistent with science, health policy, and environmental law; provides testimony and scientific briefings for members of congress, federal advisory committees, etc.
- Lobbyist – advocating for budgets, laws, or regulations; develops campaigns, advocates, fundraises, and advertises agendas aimed at specific issues; research the development and

operation of political system, political ideas, trends, etc.; speak on behalf of special interest groups or industries to influence voting and implementation of laws.

- Policy analyst or advisor – monitoring and reporting the activities of federal agencies, congress, etc., represent organization at meetings and conferences, writing papers and briefs; communicating scientific findings to the public
- Science communication and engagement – presents science-related topics to non-experts, including the public and policy makers; communicate policy to scientists; create science exhibitions, articles, media production, etc.; address scientific misinformation