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