



We are pleased to announce that UofL has established a science policy fellowship with FASEB, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, which is available to doctoral students in the biomedical sciences.

The fellowship description and preliminary interest form are contained in the following sections of this document. Please read carefully and if you are interested in this 12-week program, contact the IPIBS Office. Further information will then be provided.



Fellowship Title

Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Science Policy Fellow

Company Overview

What started as a small group of dedicated scientists has grown to be the nation's largest coalition of biomedical researchers, representing 28 scientific societies and over 115,000 researchers from around the world. FASEB is recognized as the policy voice of biological and biomedical researchers, achieved through its mission to advance health and well-being by promoting research and education in biomedical sciences and service to FASEB societies and their members.

Fellowship Description

FASEB Office of Public Affairs

The FASEB Office of Public Affairs (OPA) works with representatives of FASEB's member societies to advance policies on behalf of working scientists. OPA conducts in-depth policy analyses, develops and executes legislative strategies, and provides communication and technical support for all FASEB public policy initiatives. Major OPA activities include tracking federal policy initiatives, guiding policy research and communications, and working within related stakeholder coalitions. Ongoing projects include analysis of federal research funding, graduate training and career opportunities, animal research, data sharing and reuse, and diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

Opportunities

OPA Fellows will receive an introduction to issues and perspectives in science policy by working with the leadership and staff of the Federation and its 28 member societies. In addition, fellows may have the opportunity to interact with external scientific association partners such as the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), fellows will interact with federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation (NSF), Congress, White House Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP), and the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM).

Expectations

We expect that each program participant will make meaningful contributions to at least one major project that will serve as a demonstration of their work on the OPA mission. The ideal project will be one that is consistent with the current OPA agenda and matches the fellow's interests, experience, and career goals.

Preferred Skills/Experience/Knowledge

- Demonstrated interest in science policy
- Attention to detail
- Problem solving
- Initiative / self-motivation

Required Skills/Experience/Knowledge

- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Computer skills (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Important Details

Who is eligible: Biomedical/Science PhD students (preferably PhD Candidates close to graduation)

Location: Virtual

Start Date: Flexible per student schedule

Duration: 12 weeks (full-time preferred but minimum commitment of 3 days/week required, Monday-Friday during normal business hours). *Flexibility is available regarding day-to-day start/end time, in accordance with the student's commitments, but fellowships are intended for someone available during regular business hours Monday through Friday.*

Application Materials:

To be considered for the fellowship, interested students must submit the following:

- Preliminary Interest Form – with signature from PI/mentor and graduate program director (or equivalent)
- Resume
- Cover letter
- Non-technical writing sample (e.g., not a scientific manuscript)

Dates / Deadlines:

Students interested in participating in the fellowship are encouraged to send their name and preliminary interest form to Russell Salter, PhD (russell.salter@louisville.edu) by **Friday, April 14**. *Please note a signature from your PI/mentor and graduate program director is required.*

Between April and May, the University of Louisville and FASEB will organize an **informational session** for interested students to learn more about the fellowship and answer potential questions.

FINAL DEADLINE: Remaining application materials (resume, cover letter, and non-technical writing sample) are due by **Monday, May 15**. Please send directly to Naomi Charalambakis, PhD (ncharalambakis@faseb.org).

Interview Process:

Following the submission and review of application materials, FASEB may be in contact to set up a virtual interview (via Zoom). Within two weeks of the interview, FASEB will inform the student of the final decision and next steps.

All questions about the fellowship program can be directed to:

Naomi Charalambakis, PhD

Associate Director of Science Policy

Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)

ncharalambakis@faseb.org

Preliminary Interest Form

FASEB Science Policy Fellowship Program (Virtual)

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Department: _____

Please provide a few sentences describing your interest in participating in the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Science Policy Fellowship Program. Topics to potentially address include, but are not limited to: science policy issues of interest, volunteer work in science policy and advocacy, why you will be a great fellow, etc.

To participate in this 12-week fellowship, potential fellows must be available during regular business hours, Monday-Friday. Secondly, fellows must receive permission from both their primary advisor/mentor/Principal Investigator as well as the graduate program director (or equivalent). Please refer to the full position description for additional details.

Faculty Advisor's Signature

Faculty Advisor's Name

Date

Graduate Program Director (or equivalent)
Signature

Graduate Program Director Name

Date

Student's Signature

Student Name

Date