



SESSION #5B

CHAIR: Dr. Katherine Himes

Connecting Your Science and Engineering Training with Careers in Policy and Diplomacy

Panel Discussion

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Abstract: Technically trained scientists and engineers are an important resource for international, federal, and state governments. Policymakers encounter complex topics, yet resources to address health, environment, energy, education, agriculture, economic and workforce development, social, technology, and transportation challenges are limited. Over 45 years ago, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), working together with partner societies, sought to address this gap by launching a nonpartisan program to recruit and place Ph.D. level scientists and engineers in the U.S. Congress. Today, the AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellowship (STPF) program places approximately 250 AAAS fellows annually in all three branches of federal government.

A panel of AAAS STPF alumni will share their experiences in the U.S. Government, and describe myriad fellowship opportunities for scientists and engineers to launch careers in science policy and science diplomacy. Examples include STPF programs at the state level, post-AAAS STPF programs with the Gates Foundation and U.S. Foreign Service, positions at the National Academies, and internships and other roles at the United Nations.