To the Graduate Advisor,

This letter is to provide information on the INSPECT Fellowship, Indiana Science Policy: Educate, Collaborate, Transform.



**INSPECT**, <u>Indiana Science Policy: Education, Collaborate, Transform</u>, is a fellowship program sponsored by your institution, and hosted by the Indiana Academy of Science (IAS). The INSPECT Fellowship's purpose is to bring together the scientific community and state government while training scientists to be effective advisors for public policy. These fellowships allow current graduate students in STEM fields to work side-by-side with state officials to help incorporate credible scientific information into state and local policy decisions, ultimately promoting the long-term health, sustainability, and economic growth of Hoosiers across Indiana.

*Timeline*: Accepted Fellows will be committed to working full-time (~40 hours/week) during the 10-week summer program (within the period  $\approx$  May 30-August 15). The Fellowship will include an Orientation/Training at the beginning and a Fellowship celebration/reception at the conclusion of the program.

## <u>Benefits</u>

- Fellows will:
  - Gain valuable, real-world experience in science policy
  - Improve the position and role of science in Indiana
  - Diversify and expand their skill set by applying their base scholarly expertise to a wide range of policy-related issues
  - Explore possible career paths in science policy
  - Earn a competitive fellowship stipend
  - Expand their professional network in the science policy field

Participation in this Fellowship can be a valuable and worthwhile investment in the student's future, providing unique real-world opportunities that supplement the scholarly work they complete at their home institutions.

Thank you for supporting your student as they pursue participation in this Fellowship!



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