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INSPECT Fellowship

Indiana Science Policy: Educate, Collaborate, Transform

PROGRAM	WHO	SUPPORT
10-week summer fellowship, ~June 1 – mid-August	MS & PhD students at INSPECT Partner Universities	Stipend provided by the Fellow's home institution

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Indiana Science Policy: Educate, Collaborate, Transform (INSPECT) Fellowship is a new fellowship program 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 government personnel to incorporate more scientific information into state and local policy decisions to promote the long term health, sustainability, and economic growth of Hoosiers across Indiana.

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

The INSPECT Fellowship is a 10-week summer program (~June 1 – mid-August) for current graduate students that places Fellows in an executive agency host office in the state of Indiana. The Fellowship will include an Orientation/Training at the beginning and a Fellowship reception at the conclusion of the program. INSPECT Fellows will be current Masters or Doctoral level graduate students from partner Universities across the state of Indiana. Selections are based on career interests, desire to link science and policy, and scientific integrity. Fellows receive a stipend from their home institution.

Fellows are matched to host offices based on mutual interest and availability. Host office interests include, but are not limited to: Earth sciences, life sciences, agriculture and conservation, education, public health, engineering, energy, transportation, and economics.

ELIGIBILITY

INSPECT Fellows must be current graduate students (MS or PhD) in a STEM-related field or public policy-oriented program in one of the INSPECT Partner Universities (currently: University of Notre Dame, Ball State University, IU-Indianapolis, & IU-Bloomington). Social scientists (i.e. students in the fields of anthropology, economy, psychology, etc.) are welcome and encouraged to apply. Students must be enrolled in a degree granting program and be able to work full-time with their hosting institution over the 10-week summer term. U.S. and non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply, however, eligibility for international students may depend on Host Office placements and funding mechanisms from university partners.

FELLOW SELECTION PROCESS

The INSPECT Fellowship is awarded to qualified applicants who display a keen interest in improving the interface among science, decision-making, and the public policy process in Indiana. The selection process for Fellows is managed by the Indiana Academy of Science through a Fellowship Advisory Committee, and overseen by the INSPECT Fellowship Coordinator. Up to three finalists selected by each participating institution are forwarded to the IAS INSPECT Fellowship Committee. The IAS committee selects individual Fellows based on merit and aptitude for the science policy fellowship. Selected Fellow applications are forwarded to the preferred Host Offices for final confirmation, after which Fellows are notified.

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