Office of Graduate Fellowships

Fellowship Opportunities in:

Public Policy, Public / International Affairs, and Political Science

Introduction

Graduate students in public policy, public and international affairs, government, and political science are situated in between the academic orientation of traditional social science fields and the practice-oriented approach of professional training. Depending on the nature of their work and/or degree program, students in these fields can often compete for mainstream academic fellowship programs in the social sciences, including dissertation fellowships. However, there are also fellowships specifically targeted at master’s students, recent graduates, and young professionals working toward careers in these fields.

Students should not expect to find general “scholarship” awards that simply offer support for the cost of tuition, fees, or living stipend. A small number of awards (such as the Roback Scholarship or the Bryce-Harlow Fellowship) offer partial scholarships to help defray the cost of graduate education, most are designed to offer high-impact professional development experiences, usually in the form of a paid internship, job placement, or international experience. Programs can last anywhere from a few weeks to two years, and offer access to professional development experiences and networking opportunities. It is not uncommon for these fellowships to serve (formally or informally) as recruitment tools.

The following is not an exhaustive list, and opportunities change from year to year. Prospective applicants are encouraged to search for targeted opportunities in their area of interest.

AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellows Program
http://www.aaas.org/program/science-technology-policy-fellowships

The AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships are awarded to highly qualified individuals interested in learning about the science-policy interface while applying their scientific and technical knowledge and analytical skills to the federal policy realm. They are open to students who, by the start date of the fellowship, will hold a PhD in a STEM or Social/Behavioral Science discipline and US citizenship. Applications due November 1 annually. US Federal Government employees are not eligible for this program.

ACLS Public Fellows Program
https://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows/

The American Council of Learned Societies’ Public Fellows program places recent PhDs from the humanities and humanistic social sciences in two-year staff positions at partnering organizations in government and the nonprofit sector. Fellows participate in the substantive work of these organizations and receive professional mentoring. The fellowship provides a stipend of $65,000 per year as well as individual health insurance. Limited to US citizens and permanent residents. Deadline: March.

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**Alfa Fellowship Program (Russia)**
[http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/alfa-fellowship](http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/alfa-fellowship)

The Alfa Fellowship Program is a high-level professional development exchange program placing qualified young professionals in work assignments at leading organizations in Russia in the fields of business, economics, journalism, law, and public policy. The program accepts up to 10 American and 5 British citizens per year. The program includes language training, seminar programs, and extended professional experience. Fellows receive travel, free housing, monthly stipends, and insurance. Deadline: October.

**APSA Congressional Fellowship Program**
[http://www.apsanet.org/cfp](http://www.apsanet.org/cfp)

The American Political Science Association’s Congressional Fellowship Program is a highly selective, nonpartisan program devoted to expanding knowledge and awareness of Congress. Since 1953, it has brought select political scientists, journalists, federal employees, health policy specialists, and international scholars to Capitol Hill to experience Congress at work. The program lasts nine months, beginning in November and ending in mid-August. Fellows spend the month of November in an intensive orientation where they participate in daily seminars with policy specialists, congressional staffers, scholars, and journalists. After orientation Fellows work on a congressional staff of their choosing. Applications are due by December 1 annually.

**Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) Fellowship Program**

The APAICS Fellowships offers Asian and Pacific American students a one-year placement in a professional development fellowship dealing with legislative and public policy relating the Asian and Pacific American issues in Washington D.C. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or higher in hand at the time of application, and may be continuing graduate students or recent alumni of a master’s or doctoral program. Students in engineering, energy, or mechanical science may qualify to apply to the APAICS STEM fellowship program. Deadline: March (General) or June (STEM).

**Boren Fellowships**

Supports overseas study and/or research with an emphasis on language training in less commonly studied languages/regions. Open to all fields of study. U.S. citizens only. The focus of this fellowship is academic, but it specifically seeks to attract those with an interest in public service relating to national security issues. Winners are required to complete one year of service (paid work, internship, volunteer, or combination) with the U.S. federal government after graduation. Please note that travel/study in western Europe is not supported. Deadline: January.

**Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program (Germany)**
[http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/robert-bosch-foundation-fellowship-program](http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/robert-bosch-foundation-fellowship-program)

The Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program is a transatlantic initiative that each year offers twenty accomplished young Americans the opportunity to complete a high-level professional development program in Germany. Over the course of a 6-9 month program, Bosch Fellows complete one or more work phases at leading German institutions and attend seminars with key decision-makers from the European public and private sectors. Fellows are recruited from business administration, journalism, law, public policy and closely related fields. Graduate study plus five years of relevant professional experience are required. German language skills are advantageous but not required. Non-German speaking awardees commit to an intensive pre-departure program of language acquisition. Deadline: October.

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Bryce Harlow Fellowships
https://bryceharlow.org/programs/the-fellowship/
Awarded to students who work full time while attending graduate school part time, and who demonstrate interest in professional advocacy via a career in public affairs, government relations, nonprofit advocacy, or lobbying, with an emphasis on issues relevant to the private sector. Open to U.S. citizens in any academic field, the award provides $8,000 ($4,000 per semester) toward tuition and educational expenses. Deadline: April.

Carter Center Graduate Assistantship Program
http://www.cartercenter.org/involved/internship/grad-assistantship-overview.html
The Carter Center Graduate Assistantship Program offers a limited number of funded opportunities for currently enrolled master’s degree and doctoral students. Graduate assistants must make a 9-12 month, 20-hours-per-week commitment and will receive compensation of $14/hour. In order to be eligible for an assistantship, applicants must be enrolled in a graduate or doctoral program throughout the duration of the assistantship. No age or citizenship restrictions. Deadline: June.

Catholic Relief Services International Development Fellows Program (IDFP)
http://crs.org/about/careers/fellowships/
The CRS International Development Fellows Program (IDFP) gives people who are interested in a career in international relief and development in a Catholic faith-based organization an opportunity to increase their overseas experience and gain exposure to CRS programs. Each year, CRS places approximately 20-25 fellows with CRS country programs overseas. Assignments are paid and run for 8-12 months, starting in early September. Specific job responsibilities vary from one country to another depending on the country program’s focus (Agriculture, Health, Peacebuilding, Education, Microfinance, or a combination of these). The goal of the IDFP is to place Fellows in positions where they can draw on their previous education and work experience, while broadening their skills. Most fellowships lead to regular positions with CRS. French (preferred), Spanish, Portuguese, or Arabic language required. Deadline: December 1.

Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program
http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/policyfellows/index.htm
The Mirzayan Fellowship funds graduate students and recent graduate degree recipients to participate in a semester-long DC-based program focused on science and technology policy. Open to students in social/behavioral sciences, medical/health disciplines, physical or biological sciences, any field of engineering, law/business/public administration, or any relevant interdisciplinary fields. Deadline is September for session lasting January-April. Stipend is $8,500.

Congressional Black Caucus Congressional Fellows Program
http://www.cbcfinc.org/fellowships-cbcf/congressional-fellows-program.html
The CBC Congressional Fellows program aims to increase the number of African Americans working as professional staff in the U.S. Congress through this two-year paid professional development experiences on Capitol Hill. Open to candidates who will have completed a graduate degree by the start date of the program (September.) The ideal candidate will possess demonstrated interest in public policy and commitment to improving the lives of underserved and underrepresented individuals, plus familiarity with the federal legislative process and the CBC. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have the right to work in the U.S. for the duration of the fellowship. Deadline: April.

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Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Graduate Fellowship Program
http://www.chci.org/fellowships/page/chci-graduate-fellowship-program
This nine-month paid fellowship program offers exceptional Latinos who have earned a master's degree (or higher) within three years of the program start date the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the public policy areas of higher education, secondary education, health, housing, law, and STEM fields. The fellowship consists of placements in policy-making positions in Washington D.C. and offers salary, benefits, and professional development/networking opportunities.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Public Policy Fellowship Program
http://www.chci.org/fellowships/page/chci-public-policy-fellowship
This program offers talented Latinos who have earned a bachelor's degree within two years of the program start date a paid, nine-month paid fellowship consisting of a work placement in Washington D.C., where the fellow will gain hands-on experience at the national level in the public policy area of their choice. The fellowship includes salary, benefits, and professional development/networking opportunities for candidates between undergraduate and graduate school (or career).

Congressional Hunger Center: Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program
http://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/emerson/
Ten-month paid professional development fellowship in which fellows serve five months in a community based organization (nationwide) dealing with issues of hunger and food security, and five months in a policy-making setting (government agency or NGO) in the D.C. metro area. Open to Master’s and doctoral students and recent graduates who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Congressional Hunger Center: Leland International Hunger Fellows Program
http://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/leland/
Two-year professional development fellowship in which fellows serve internationally in both field and policy settings dedicated to the alleviation of hunger and poverty in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Open to Master’s and doctoral candidates/recent graduates, with at least one year of related work/service experience required. Limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Competition is held in odd numbered years – next deadline will be January 2017.

Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs
http://www.corofellowship.org/
The Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs develops the next generation of aspiring change makers through a nine-month program of professional development assignments focused on urban issues. Placements are offered in Los Angeles, New York City, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis. Successful candidates are those who have recently completed an undergraduate or graduate degree, and who demonstrate promise as emerging innovators in business, policy and government, including exceptional leadership through their accomplishments, curiosity and civic involvement.

Critical Languages Scholarships (CLS)
http://clscholarship.org/
This U.S. State Department program provides students at all levels full funding to attend overseas summer language programs in designated “critical” languages. For some languages no background is required and students at all stages (including beginners) may apply. Applicants must demonstrate long-term interest in/commitment to the language and region of their choice. U.S. citizens only. Open to all fields and degree levels. Deadline: November.

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**David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship**
http://www.winstonfellowship.org/home.html
The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is a year-long professional development fellowship for students completing a master’s or doctoral degree in any program, school or department of a college or university that is a member of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (including George Mason University). Students who do NOT have prior work experience in Washington D.C. in the field of health policy, but who aspire to such careers, will be given preference. Non-U.S. citizens may apply, but must be eligible to work in the United States for the twelve-month duration of the fellowship. Deadline is in October annually, and fellowship term commences in June.

**Davis-Putter Scholarships**
http://www.davisputter.org/
Grants (up to $10,000) to undergraduate or graduate students activists working for peace and social justice causes on campus and/or in the wider community. Funds may be used for educational and living expenses. No citizenship restrictions, but applicant must be enrolled in a U.S. institution and residing in the U.S. Preference is given to applicants who show an interest in continuing their activism in the U.S. after graduation.

**Dirksen Congressional Center – Congressional Research Grants**
http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_grants_CRGs.htm
The Dirksen Center funds research on leadership in the Congress, both House and Senate. Topics could include external factors shaping the exercise of congressional leadership, institutional conditions affecting it, resources and techniques used by leaders, or the prospects for change or continuity in the patterns of leadership. Proposals must demonstrate that Congress, not the specific policy, is the central research interest. The award may be used for research expenses, such as travel to conduct research, duplication of research material, purchase of data sets, and costs of clerical, secretarial, research, or transcription assistance. The Center does not require grant recipients to use historical materials in its collections. This award is limited to US citizens. Graduate students who wish to apply must have an approved / defended dissertation prospectus. Deadline: March 1 annually.

**District of Columbia Capital City Fellows Program (CCFP)**
http://dchr.dc.gov/page/capital-city-fellows-program
CCFP recruits recent graduates (and soon-to-be-graduates) of master’s degree programs in public administration, public policy, urban planning and related fields to work for the city of Washington, DC. Candidates compete for two-year fellowship appointments during which they may complete four six-month rotations in different city agencies. Fellows are appointed at a salary of just over $50,000. Application deadline: May.

**Economic Club of Washington DC: Philip M. Dearborn Fellowship Award**
http://www.economicclub.org/page.cfm/go/scholarship-program
A $10,000 award offered annually to students in the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area (including George Mason University) to support doctoral-level research dealing with issues of direct and specific relevance to the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area, including issues of economics, public and private finance, education, transportation, law enforcement, social welfare, housing, and regional/community development. It is expected that the research will rely to a significant extent on information and data derived from or relating to the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Application deadline: Early March

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**Economic Club of Washington DC: Vernon Jordan Fellowship Award**
[http://www.economicclub.org/page.cfm/go/scholarship-program](http://www.economicclub.org/page.cfm/go/scholarship-program)
Two $10,000 stipends will be awarded to doctoral-level students from Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area institutions (including George Mason University) to support independent research in areas of interest to the Economic Club of Washington. Areas of concentration could include economics, finance, international trade or business. Application Deadline: Early March

**EMDAP (Emerging Markets Development Assistance Program)**
[http://iie.org/Programs/EMDAP.aspx](http://iie.org/Programs/EMDAP.aspx)
A professional development fellowship with USAID, EMDAP is open to recent or graduating MA/MS or MBA students with a minimum of two years relevant professional experience in fields related to international affairs, international business/finance, or management. Fellows are awarded a year-long work placement with USAID overseas, where they work collaboratively with USAID programs and local NGOs. Emphasis is on emerging market business development. Application Deadline: Rolling as assignments become available.

**EMGIP (Émigré Memorial German Internship Program)**
[http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/emgip](http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/emgip)
Opportunities for U.S. and Canadian citizens to intern at a German state parliament for 1-3 months with travel and expenses paid and program support provided. Applicants may be graduate or undergraduate students between 18-30 years of age. For list of eligible fields see web site, but generally targeted at public policy related fields. Proficiency in German is required. Deadlines: October 1 for spring internships; December 1 for early summer internships; March 31 for fall internships.

**Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
[http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html)
Fulbright grants send U.S. students overseas worldwide, with two types of grant available: “Research” grants allow students to do independent research and study overseas for one academic year. “ETA” grants fund students to assist in ESL classrooms at various levels around the world. In addition, some countries also offer specialized types of Fulbright grants (such as Public Health, Public Policy, Journalism, Business, or funding to undertake a Master’s degree in the host country). U.S. citizens who are graduating seniors, graduate students, or recent alums who have not yet received the Ph.D. are eligible. Open to all fields. This award requires a campus-level review process; applicants must consult with the Director of Graduate Fellowships. Campus deadline for all Mason applicants is September 15 annually.

**Fulbright Clinton Fellowships (Fulbright Public Policy Fellowships)**
[http://us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-clinton-fellowships](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-clinton-fellowships)
The Fulbright Clinton Fellowships seek graduating (or recently graduated) Master’s and/or current Ph.D. students for one-year overseas placements working as a special assistant in a public policy / public sector setting in the host country. Applicants must possess a minimum of two years relevant professional experience in addition to academic qualifications. The countries in which placements will be offered are listed on the web site (and updated each fall). Applicants with in-depth knowledge of the host country and language skills sufficient to function in a professional setting in the host country are strongly preferred. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and may not have completed the Ph.D. by the time of the fellowship. Application deadline: October. Interested students please contact the Office of Graduate Fellowships.

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German Chancellor Fellowship
http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/4074.html
This program is for university graduates from the U.S., Russia, Brazil, China, and India with an interest in international issues and demonstrated leadership potential. It is targeted at young professionals who are likely to become decision-makers and thought leaders in their respective fields, including but not limited to politics, public policy, law, media, business, the non-governmental sector, and the arts. Fellows spend one year in Germany, where they will conduct an independent project at a home institution and network with other prospective leaders from abroad. Deadline for applicants from the U.S. is October 15 annually.

Global Health Corps Fellowships
http://ghcorps.org/apply/info
Professional development fellowship offering year-long work placements in NGOs and similar organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa dealing with health, health care, and health education. Open to students from a variety of different academic backgrounds, not limited to those in health-related fields. Applicants must begin the application process in December annually, with final deadline in February.

Goldman Fellowship for the Study of German & European Politics, Political Economy, and Intl Affairs
The Goldman Fellowship, sponsored by the American Council on Germany, funds up to one month of research-related travel to/in Germany (and elsewhere in Europe) for early career scholars, including advanced Ph.D. candidates, who are working on topics relating to Germany and European politics, economics, and foreign affairs. One award is offered each year. U.S. citizens only. Deadline: July.

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowships
http://www.hfg.org/df/guidelines.htm
Dissertation completion award of $20,000 for candidates in the final year of their Ph.D. program. The HFG Foundation supports research on violence and aggression in in relation to social change, intergroup conflict, war, terrorism, crime, and family relationships, among other subjects. Field/discipline is open, but dissertations with no relevance to understanding human violence and aggression will not be supported. Deadline: January/February.

Herbert Roback Scholarships (National Academy of Public Administration)
http://www.napawash.org/component/content/article/40-award-programs/1102-the-herbert-roback-scholarship.html
One scholarship of up to $7,500 awarded annually to a graduate student currently enrolled, or admitted for enrollment, in a full-time master’s degree program in public administration, public and international affairs, and/or political science. Deadline: May. Please note that students may not apply directly to this competition; the application must be submitted in advance to the Office of Graduate Fellowships. Please contact the Director of Graduate Fellowships for more information.

Herbert Scoville Peace Fellowship
http://scoville.org/
Funds students to work 6-9 months in Washington D.C. with nonprofit, public-interest organizations addressing peace and security issues. Student must have a bachelor’s degree in hand. Stipend of $2,400 per month plus travel and health insurance. Open to all, but preference given to U.S. citizens and to those who have not had substantial prior public interest or government work experience in the Washington D.C. area. Deadline for spring semester awards is early October, and for fall semester awards is mid-January.

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HORIZONS Scholarship (Women in Defense)
http://wid.ndia.org/horizon/Pages/default.aspx
Sponsored by the National Security Organization Women in Defense, this award supports the educational objectives of women who are U.S. citizens either currently employed or planning careers in defense and national security fields. Deadline: July 1 annually.

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy
http://www.fullbright.org.nz/awards/usscholar/axford/
For outstanding mid-career American professionals to research and gain firsthand experience of public policy in New Zealand. Eligible candidates are U.S. citizens with a minimum of 5 years of professional experience in the public, business, or non-profit sectors. Three or four Fellowships valued at up to NZ$45,500 plus travel are granted each year for seven months of research. Deadline is March 1 annually.

Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Development Fellowships (Latin America / Caribbean)
www.iie.org/iaf
The IAF Grassroots Development Fellowship makes awards in support of dissertation research on grassroots development in Latin America and the Caribbean undertaken by students who have advanced to Ph.D. candidacy in a university in the United States. Fellows may be U.S. citizens or citizens of an independent Latin American or Caribbean country (except Cuba). The new cycle of this competition is announced each year in the fall.

Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship Dissertation Program
http://www.usip.org/fellows/scholars.html
Open to students enrolled in US universities who are researching and/or writing doctoral dissertations on topics related to peace, conflict, conflict resolution, and international security. Proposals from all disciplines are welcomed, with preference given to research that shows clear relevance to policy issues. No citizenship restrictions. The award is currently set at $20,000 for ten months. Deadline: December

Kathryn Davis Fellowships for Peace
http://www.middlebury.edu/is/finaid/fellowships/kwd
Covers the full cost of summer language study at Middlebury College’s Summer Language School programs (located in VT and CA). Eligible languages are Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Portuguese, and Russian. The Davis Fellowships are merit-based and intended for exceptionally qualified individuals with demonstrated interest in one or more of the following areas: international, global, or area studies; international politics and economics; peace and security studies; and/or conflict resolution. Deadline: January. Please note that you must apply separately to the Middlebury language school of your choice.

Margaret McNames Memorial Fund Scholarships
http://www.mmmf-grants.org/home/
The Margaret McNames Memorial Fund (MMMF) awards grants to women from developing and middle income countries to further their education and strengthen the professional and leadership skills they need to improve the lives of women and children. Currently the MMMF manages education grants programs in three regions; US/Canada, South Africa and Latin America. Education grants are awarded to women from developing and middle-income countries who, upon completion of their degrees, intend to return to their countries and work to improve the lives of underserved women and children. The eligibility criteria vary among the regional programs. Before applying please read carefully the criteria, application guidelines and frequently asked questions for your region.

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Mariam K. Chamberlain Fellowship in Women and Public Policy (IWPR)
http://www.iwpr.org/about/fellowships
Paid nine-month professional development fellowship at the Institute for Women’s Policy Research in Washington, D.C., related to women’s issues in public policy. Open to students with BA/BS in hand (whether currently enrolled in graduate school or not). No citizenship restrictions. Deadline: February.

Mathematica Policy Research – Summer Graduate Fellowship
http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/career-opportunities/summer-fellowships
To promote careers in social policy research, particularly for scholars who might otherwise be drawn to government or academe, Mathematica launched its summer fellowship program in 1992. The program supports independent, self-directed summer research on economic or social problems that affect minority groups and individuals with disabilities. This program is open to students enrolled in a master’s or PhD program, and offers a $10,000 stipend plus $500 for project expenses. The fellowship must be carried out in residence at one of Mathematica’s several locations, which include Washington D.C. Application deadline: March.

Miller Center Fellowships in Politics and History
http://millercenter.org/academic/dgs/fellowship
The Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia offers a competitive fellowship program for individuals completing their dissertations on American politics, foreign policy and world politics, or the impact of global affairs on the United States. The program funds 10 grants to support one year of research and writing. Stipend levels vary in the $20,000-$30,000 range. Residence at the Miller Center is strongly encouraged, but not required. No citizenship restrictions. Deadline: February.

NYC Urban Fellows Program
The Urban Fellows Program is a highly selective, nine-month fellowship that combines work in Mayoral offices and City agencies with an intensive seminar series that explores current urban issues impacting public policy. Eligibility is based on when the candidate received the bachelor’s degree. Graduate students who are eligible may apply, but will be expected to suspend graduate study and outside work during the fellowship. $30,000 plus health insurance.

NNSA Graduate Program (Nonproliferation Graduate Fellowship)
http://ngfp.pnnl.gov/
This 12-month, full-time, salaried fellowship program provides participants with specialized training and practical experience on projects and initiatives relating to issue of nonproliferation. In addition to gaining valuable experience working with federal government programs, participants have opportunities to collaborate with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), as well as other government agencies, national laboratories, and non-governmental organizations.

National Science Foundation (NSF)
NSF supports graduate student research in Political Science, International Affairs, and related fields through the following mechanisms: The Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) supports graduate students in the first semesters of post-baccalaureate study (master’s or PhD) who intend to pursue research-based careers: http://www/nsfgrfp.org/ Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants fund direct research costs for PhD students in the data collection or fieldwork phase of dissertation research. More information at: https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505214 EAPSI Grants fund collaborative summer international research experiences (including in Science and Technology Policy) in East Asia / Pacific region for both master’s and PhD students: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5284.

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President Management Fellowship (PMF)
http://www.pmf.gov/
The PMF program is the premier pathway into U.S. federal government service for entry-level professionals. Students apply during their final year in graduate school. Finalists in the competition win the opportunity to obtain a two-year appointment in a federal agency with full salary and benefits with the possibility (not guaranteed) of conversion to a permanent job at the end of the two-year fellowship. Fellows also participate in special professional development and leadership training opportunities, as well as rotational assignments to offer a diversity of experience. Deadline for initial application: Fall.

SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)
http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship/
Offers 9-12 months of support to graduate students in the humanities and social sciences who are enrolled in doctoral programs in the US and conducting dissertation research outside the US. Students enrolled in Ph.D. programs in public policy, public health, and education, may be eligible to apply if their research projects engage directly with broader theoretical and analytical issues in the humanities and social sciences. Research topics may address all periods in history, but applicants should call attention to the broader implications of their work as it relates to contemporary issues and debates.

Smith Richardson World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship
https://www.srf.orgprograms/world-politics-statecraft-fellowship/
Supports research and writing of policy-relevant dissertations on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, strategic studies, area studies, and diplomatic and military history. Funds can be used toward dissertation research (including fieldwork, archival research, or language training) and writing. Preference will be given to projects that have the potential to directly inform U.S. policy debates and thinking, rather than purely theoretical or scholarly debates. The foundation awards up to 20 grants of $7,500 each annually. Deadline: October.

U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security Program
http://www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/food/borlaugfellows/index.php
The U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security Program offers two funded opportunities: (1) A Graduate Research Fellowship supporting exceptional graduate students who are interested in developing a component of their graduate research in a developing country setting and in collaboration with a mentor from an International Agricultural Research Center (IARC), or a qualifying National Agricultural Research System (NARS) unit. Graduate students supported by the program will eventually assume leadership positions in a wide variety of organizations, and across an array of disciplines related to food security. US citizenship is required, and the application deadline falls in November. (2) A competitive, fully funded Summer Institute on Global Food Security held each year in June in Indiana. Applications to the summer program open in December and are not limited by citizenship.

USAID Global Health Fellows Program (GHFP II)
https://www.ghfp.net/
The GHFP II program offers two types of opportunity: (1) Full-time, paid fellowships (normally 2 years) with USAID and/or partner institutions. Fellows work in a variety of global health fields. Placements are made both in Washington, DC and in developing countries. Applicant must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident and possess a master’s degree in public health or a related field by the start of the fellowship plus experience working in a public health capacity. Specific requirements vary by assignment, with opportunities ranging from the entry to senior level placements. (2) Competitive paid internships aimed at students (usually graduate students, with occasional opportunities for undergraduates) with USAID and partner institutions in the Washington DC metro area. Opportunities are advertised as they arise: the best way to stay informed is to subscribe to the email list via the program web site.

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Villers Fellowship for Healthcare Justice (Families USA)
http://www.familiesusa.org/fellowships/the-villers-fellowship.html
The Villers Fellow works as a full-time policy analyst in Families USA’s Health Policy Department in Washington, D.C. During their year-long tenure, Villers Fellows work on Medicaid and enrollment policy issues and develop an understanding of the federal legislative and regulatory process. They will also be exposed to different advocacy strategies, including producing analytic reports, disseminating effective messages through the media, successful coalition building, and e-advocacy techniques. The fellowship runs from August through July, and Fellows will receive a compensatory package that includes an annual salary of approximately $38,000 and excellent health care benefits. Deadline: January.

Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice (Families USA)
http://familiesusa.org/about-us/careers/wellstone-fellowship
The Wellstone Fellow’s primary responsibilities include assisting in the organization of conferences and trainings for advocates and community leaders; drafting talking points, blogs, fact sheets, and content for other publications. The Fellow will learn about health reform implementation, health equity, Medicaid, Medicare, and other important health policy issues. The fellowship will last one year, from August through July. Fellow will receive an annual salary of approximately $38,000 and excellent health care benefits. This is a diversity fellowship intended to attract candidates from under-represented and low-income groups, including American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian American, Black/African American, Latino, and Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander individuals. Deadline: January.

William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship for Minority Students (Aspen Institute)
http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/nonprofit-philanthropy/leadership-initiatives/hearst
The Aspen Institute Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation (PSI) in Washington, DC, offers the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship three times annually. The fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of color. The Hearst Fellow serves as an intern with PSI in the Washington, DC office of the Aspen Institute. Through this fellowship, PSI seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues and challenges affecting philanthropy, social enterprise, nonprofit organizations, and other actors in the social sector. Please note that this is not a scholarship. The student must be able to work as an intern for 12-15 weeks in the Washington, DC office of the Aspen Institute during the academic semester in which the fellowship is awarded, or full time in the summer. Application deadlines are November (for spring semester); March (for summer); and July (for fall semester.)

Wilson Center Grants and Fellowships
https://wilsoncenter.org/fellowships-grants
The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars welcomes outstanding and award winning scholars, practitioners, journalists and public intellectuals to take part in its non-partisan dialogue. Each year, the Center hosts around 160 scholars who conduct independent research on national and/or international issues addressing key public policy challenges. Fellowships include an internationally competitive residential fellowship focused on public policy issues in addition to other fellowships focused on Eastern Europe, Japan, and on Human Rights and Conflict Resolution. Most fellowships take place in residence at the Wilson Center or affiliated institutes in Washington D.C. Deadlines vary by competition.

WREI Congressional Fellows on Women and Public Policy
http://www.wrei.org/FellowsFAQ.htm
Eight-month professional development fellowship in Washington, D.C. Participants intern for members of Congress on women’s issues in public policy. Open to Masters and Ph.D. students during studies or up to 18 months post graduation. No citizenship restrictions. Open to all disciplines/majors with emphasis on women’s issues in public policy.

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