An Invitation to Apply for the
AMS-AAAS
Congressional Fellowship

The American Mathematical Society (AMS), in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), will sponsor a Congressional Fellow from September 2018 through August 2019.

The Fellow will spend the year working on the staff of a Member of Congress or a congressional committee, working as a special legislative assistant in legislative and policy areas requiring scientific and technical input. The program includes an orientation on congressional and executive branch operations, and a year-long seminar series on issues involving science, technology and public policy.

The Fellowship is designed to provide a unique public policy learning experience, to demonstrate the value of science-government interaction, and to bring a technical background and external perspective to the decision-making process in the Congress.

Prospective Fellows must demonstrate expertise in some area of the mathematical sciences; have a good scientific and technical background; be cognizant of and demonstrate sensitivity toward political and social issues; and, most importantly, have a strong interest and some experience in applying personal knowledge toward the solution of societal problems.

Applications are invited from individuals in the mathematical sciences. Applicants must have a PhD or an equivalent doctoral-level degree in mathematics by the application deadline (February 15, 2018). Applicants must be US citizens. Federal employees are not eligible.

An AMS Fellowship Committee will select the AMS Congressional Fellow. The Fellowship stipend is US$79,720 for the fellowship period, with allowances for relocation and professional travel and a contribution toward health insurance.

To apply online, please go to bit.ly/AMSCongressionalFellowship. Candidates must submit a statement expressing interest and qualifications for the AMS Congressional Fellowship, as well as current curriculum vitae. Candidates must also arrange for three letters of recommendation to accompany the application.


For more information, please contact amsdc@ams.org or call the AMS Washington Office at 202-588-1100.

“The Fellowship is an extraordinary rite of passage to a new world of discovery. Not only will you learn about policymaking and government affairs, you’ll learn more about yourself and how you can impact the world.”

— Carla Cotwright-Williams
AMS Congressional Fellow 2012–2013

“It was thrilling to be intricately involved in the drafting of legislation. My mathematical and procedural training enabled me to focus on the core of an issue and craft legislative proposals that may become part of policy aimed at improving society.”

— Anthony Macula,
AMS Congressional Fellow 2015–2016

“The AMS Congressional Fellowship is an incredible opportunity to directly engage with critical issues that impact our lives, research, and careers. You will gain valuable legislative experience, build powerful networks, and come away with expertise that can support continued civic engagement.”

— Catherine Paolucci,
AMS Congressional Fellow 2016–2017