

EAGLETON SCIENCE AND POLITICS FELLOWSHIP

Science in Service to State Government



A year-long full-time fellowship for doctoral level scientists, engineers, and healthcare professionals to serve as in-house science advisors in New Jersey state government.

Science Fellows offer new perspectives and help their teams find and evaluate potential approaches to difficult public policy problems. They assist in the development and implementation of state policy for issues ranging from COVID-19 response, clean energy, sustainability, and insurance of coastal properties to education, mental health of people who are incarcerated, and many others.

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Eligibility

- PhD or equivalent in science, engineering, pharmacy, medicine
(see FAQs: <https://eagleton.rutgers.edu/eagleton-science-and-politics-program/>)
- US citizenship or suitable immigration status
- Excellent scientific credentials, outstanding communication and problem-solving skills

Timeline

- December 20, 2021 – application period begins
- February 18, 2022 – application period closes
- April/May 2022 – Virtual interviews
- May/June 2022 – Science Fellows announced
- July 18, 2022 – Summer Training begins
- July 17, 2023 – Fellowship ends

Placements

- One year placement as full-time in-house science aide
- Placements in the legislative branch: Senate & Assembly Majority and Minority Offices
- Placements in the executive branch: Departments of Health, Environmental Protection, Human Services and Children and Families; Board of Public Utilities; Office of Innovation, and others (see here for full list: <https://nj.gov/nj/gov/deptserv/>)

Benefits

- Stipend of \$50,000
- Health insurance included
- Professional development program with trainings, events, and mentorships supported by Rutgers University and Eagleton Institute of Politics

Location

- Most placements in Trenton, New Jersey state capital
- 1 hr from Philadelphia and New York City

Applications & FAQs

CV, personal statement, professional bio, and three letters of recommendation

FAQs: eagleton.rutgers.edu/science

Questions

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