

Orientation

Prior to beginning a fellowship, Fellows are enrolled in a mandatory, multi-society, two-week orientation program organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

<http://www.aaas.org/>

The orientation takes place in Washington, DC every September at the IEEE-USA's expense. At the completion of the orientation, each fellow begins their fellowship.

<https://ieeusa.org/advocacy/government-fellowships/>



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IEEE-USA ENGINEERING & DIPLOMACY FELLOWSHIP



About the Program

IEEE-USA is seeking U.S. IEEE Members who are interested in spending a year working in Washington as an IEEE Engineering & Diplomacy Fellow. Fellows serve for one year starting in September. This fellowship program is designed to raise awareness of the value of STEM input into the public policy-making process, and offers an opportunity for the Fellow to provide technical expertise to the U.S. State Department, while learning about and contributing to the foreign policy process.

A joint IEEE-USA and State Department committee reviews finalists, with the State Department giving final approval of the Fellow selection. The selection committee may establish additional criteria. Specifically excluded as selection criteria are age, sex, creed, race, ethnic background and partisan political affiliations.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL & APPLICATION INFORMATION is available on our website:

<https://ieeusa.org/advocacy/government-fellowships/>



Eligibility & Selection Criteria

To be considered for an IEEE-USA Engineering & Diplomacy Fellowship, applicants must:

- Be a REGULAR IEEE Member at the time of application. Graduate student and student memberships do not qualify.
- Be a U.S. citizen at the time of application or, at the latest, prior to selection.
- Be a practicing member of the engineering profession with a degree from a four-year university or college that has a recognized program in electrical or electronics engineering, radio, or an applied branch of engineering or science.
- Possess or be able to obtain a security clearance.
- Possess either:
 - a Master's degree and a minimum of 5 years of experience in engineering or qualified science; or
 - a Doctoral degree in engineering or qualified science.
- In exceptional cases, the Masters or Ph.D. requirement may be waived for candidates with compensating experience.

Work experience must consist of FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT in an engineering or qualified science field. Time spent working as an intern, a graduate assistant, or in non-engineering or qualified science professions will not apply.

Security Clearance

IEEE-USA Engineering & Diplomacy Fellows must have a security clearance. Once a Fellow is selected, arrangements must be made immediately with the State Department to obtain a security clearance (if the Fellow does not already have a clearance). A security clearance currently requires a 4-6 month background check. The Fellow will be asked to complete a clearance form, provide contact information and make various disclosures. For more information please see our website.

Interviews

If the Government Fellows Committee selects you as a finalist, you will be invited to interview in-person in Washington, D.C., at IEEE-USA's expense. If selected for a face-to-face interview, finalists must be able to attend in person. Rescheduling the face-to-face interview is not an option.

Reasonable travel and lodging expenses for the interviews will be reimbursed by IEEE-USA.