

Summer Associate Program

About the Program

The IDA Summer Associate Program at the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI) is a 10-week paid internship that provides graduate students and rising college seniors with a unique opportunity to use their critical thinking and analytic skills to work on a diverse set of challenges in science and technology (S&T) policy areas, including energy and the environment, innovation and competitiveness, evaluation and scientometrics, information technologies, national security, and life sciences. Summer Associates will be involved in collaborative research for leaders in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and other Federal Government organizations, such as the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.



Who Should Apply?

Innovative, analytical self-starters who are able to work well in teams are encouraged to apply. Ideal candidates will have a demonstrated interest in S&T policy (however, previous policy experience is not required). Applicants should have strong GPAs (3.3 or above) in one of a range of disciplines, including engineering, life sciences, physical sciences, social and behavioral sciences, computer science, mathematical sciences or statistics, and learning sciences. Because these internships are for continuing students, applicants must have plans to return to school in the fall. **U.S. citizenship is required.**

What to Expect

Summer Associates will be based in Washington, DC, and will work with teams of researchers to support a variety of S&T policy-related tasks. Over the course of the internship, Summer Associates will have opportunities to develop professionally through the following types of activities:

- Participation in analyses that support tasking from Federal Government policy makers
- Mentorship from members of STPI's research staff
- Experience in conducting and communicating S&T policy research

As part of the broader IDA Summer Associate Program, Associates at STPI will also participate in program activities at IDA's headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

IDA pays travel expenses for one round trip for students outside the Washington Metropolitan Area. Associates are responsible for their own living expenses during the summer.

Accepting applications between September 1, 2020, and January 9, 2021.

For more information about the Summer Associate Program, visit idalink.org/summerassociates.

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