
The Duke Initiative for Science & Society (S&S), in collaboration with the Duke University Energy Initiative (EI), invites applications for the 2017-2018 Energy Science Policy Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program. This fellowship is intended for individuals with a PhD in a field related to energy, including the natural and environmental sciences, engineering, economics, or policy— and interest in communicating science findings and emerging topics to policy audiences. The position will provide a strong foundation for a recent doctoral graduate with an interest in an academic or policy development career working on energy issues.

Science & Society

The Duke Initiative for Science & Society (S&S) examines the wide-ranging and integral role of science in social institutions and culture. Science & Society integrates and fosters innovation in related research, education, and engagement at Duke by adopting an interdisciplinary approach to understanding how science and human endeavors intersect with a specific focus on ethical, legal, and social implications for science. Within S&S, the Science Policy Tracking site project (“SciPol”) is a nonpartisan resource that provides timely policy updates, relevant translation of the science at issue, science policy news, and opportunities to engage in the policy-making process (http://sciencepolicy.duke.edu). SciPol is in the process of developing a “vertical” component dedicated specifically to energy.

Duke University Energy Initiative

The Energy Initiative (https://energy.duke.edu/) is a university-wide, interdisciplinary collaboration that focuses on advancing an accessible, affordable, reliable and clean energy system. The Initiative reaches across business, engineering, environment, law, policy, and the arts and sciences to educate tomorrow’s energy innovators, develop new solutions through research, and improve energy decisions by engaging business and government leaders.

The Fellowship

The Science & Society Fellowship is a one-year fellowship, with an option for renewal. Fellows are housed in both Science & Society offices and Energy Initiative offices, and dedicate one half time to supporting the SciPol website for the new energy vertical, twenty-five percent to seeking and applying for grants to scale-up the SciPol energy vertical, and twenty-five percent to independent and/or collaborative research projects in collaboration with SciPol and the EI. Fellows are provided with office space, a competitive stipend, and benefits. Specific responsibilities include:

- Leading the energy section of SciPol, by:
  - Identifying and prioritizing policy developments for research, analysis, and timely generation of briefs.
  - Delegating, editing, and publishing briefs written by student contributors (the fellow may also author briefs).
  - Coordinating the editorial review process with other Duke expert contributors, as necessary.
o Maintaining search protocol for tracking relevant policies, news, and opportunities to engage.
o Regularly posting news and engagements to the site.
o Assisting recruitment efforts for the energy writing team.

- Collaborate with the EI communications lead to ensure website links and references are aligned between SciPol and EI.
- Advance external engagement and increase subscribers to the energy vertical site with industry, government, and lobbyists.
- Research and apply for grants to support SciPol. Participate in relevant conferences, workshops, and seminars. Pursue independent and/or collaborative research in energy technology and policy.

The Application Process:

Applicants should submit a CV, contact information for three references, a writing sample, and a research proposal (in 2,000 words or less) to Marcie George (Marcie.George@duke.edu). The subject line of the email application should read “Application 2017 Energy Science Policy Fellowship Program” and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on February 15, 2017. Fellows will be chosen based on demonstrated academic merit, likelihood of future success in academia or science policy, and strength of their research proposals.