



# Are YOU Our Next AAI Public Policy Fellow?

The AAI Public Policy Fellows Program (PPFP) provides early stage investigators and postdoctoral fellows with the opportunity to learn about - and participate in - the public policy and legislative activities of AAI. Become an advocate for biomedical research, for NIH, and for science . . . there has never been a more important time for you to speak up and speak out!



The PPFP will help you better understand the role of the President and Administration, Congress, and the National Institutes of Health in determining the policies that affect biomedical research. And it will teach you how best to advocate for, and help shape, the policies that guide your career. Through the PPFP, you can do all of this without leaving your job, and you will “graduate” ready to take on whatever lies ahead!



Join AAI to apply for this program, which culminates in a trip to Washington, D.C., to visit your Congressional representatives and make your best case for biomedical research and increased funding for NIH!

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“The AAI Public Policy Fellows Program (PPFP) gave me my first experience interacting with and educating policy-makers in Congress about the importance of immunology and how federal funding impacts basic research. Now I use that experience to stay engaged in shaping the future of science through public advocacy.”



**TURN OVER TO SEE WHAT  
OTHERS ARE SAYING  
ABOUT THE PPFP!!**

Judy Cannon, Ph.D., Associate Professor,  
Departments of Molecular Genetics and  
Microbiology and Pathology  
University of New Mexico School of Medicine

“During my time as an AAI Public Policy Fellow, I gained invaluable knowledge about the many factors under consideration by legislators when deciding how to fund various government-supported programs, including the NIH. This, together with training in effective methods of communicating with legislators, has made me a much more effective advocate for science both on Capitol Hill and in the general non-scientific community.”

Meghan Marré, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Scholar,  
Department of Surgery  
University of Pittsburgh



“One of the best ways to make your voice heard to support scientific funding is to become an AAI Public Policy Fellow!”

Gretchen Diehl, Ph.D., Assistant Professor,  
Department of Molecular Virology and  
Microbiology  
Baylor College of Medicine

“For me, the AAI Public Policy Fellows Program tore back the curtain to show how AAI works to ensure that our representatives in Congress know the value of immunology research, and Fellows play an active role in this process.”

Jonathan Deane, Ph.D., Senior Investigator I,  
Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research  
Foundation San Diego

“The AAI Public Policy Fellows Program (PPFP) has never been more important than right now. The PPFP trains junior immunologists to effectively advocate for their profession which is largely dependent on public funding. With the future of immunology in our own hands, I hope senior immunologists will encourage their post-docs and junior faculty members to apply to the PPFP to ensure that the future is bright and enduring.”

Beth Garvy, Ph.D., Chair,  
AAI Committee on Public Affairs;  
Chair, Department of Microbiology,  
Immunology and Molecular Genetics  
University of Kentucky

“The AAI Public Policy Fellows Program provided me such a unique and invaluable experience! It not only raised my awareness of advocating for biomedical research but also taught me how to communicate with elected representatives.”

Ling Cao, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor,  
Department of Biomedical Sciences  
College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of New England

“I found my participation in The AAI Public Policy Fellows Program (PPFP) to be a truly enriching and rewarding experience that enabled me to more greatly appreciate the machinations involved in the crafting of scientific policy in the U.S. government. The Capitol Hill Day was the highlight of the experience as we met with Senators and Members of Congress to discuss the importance of research and science in the U.S.”

Jeremy Schaefer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor,  
Department of Diagnostic and Biomedical Sciences  
The University of Texas Health Science Center  
at Houston School of Dentistry

