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Missouri Science & Technology Policy Initiative now accepting policy fellow applications

Jefferson City, MO – Missouri legislators are busy wrestling with important matters for the state, and Missouri Science & Technology (MOST) Policy Initiative has come up with a way to improve the flow of unbiased scientific information to decision-makers. MOST Policy Initiative is now accepting applications for the inaugural class of MOST Policy Fellows to address this need.

Scientifically-trained fellows will inform legislators and the general public about science and technology associated with proposed policy, in order to promote long-term health, sustainability, and economic growth for Missouri communities. Fellows will be assigned to suites of committees in the Missouri General Assembly covering the following topics:

- Life Sciences, Agriculture, and Conservation
- Education and Workforce
- Healthcare and Wellness
- Technology and Engineering
- Economics and Finance

Fellows must hold a terminal degree (Ph.D. or equivalent highest-level degree for a field, such as an M.D.) in science, technology, engineering, math, medicine, or related discipline (i.e., STEM education, nursing, etc.) upon beginning the fellowship program in September 2020. Fellows will commit to a one-year fellowship term and will be encouraged to renew their fellowship for an additional one-year term. Fellowship applications opened on February 1, 2020 and must be submitted by March 15, 2020 at 11:59 PM CDT.

The initial class of MOST Policy Fellows is supported by grants and contributions from the [James S. McDonnell Foundation](#) (St. Louis, MO), the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation (Palo Alto, CA), the [Chan Zuckerberg Initiative](#) (Redwood City, CA), and the University of Missouri (Columbia, MO). The [MOST Policy Fellows Advisory Board](#) will serve as the Fellow Selection Committee.

The MOST Policy Fellows program will form a public-private partnership between the Missouri General Assembly, higher education institutions in our state, private foundations, the citizens of Missouri, and other interested groups seeking to advance science and technology. The benefits of this fellowship program are numerous, including, but not limited to advancing Missouri's standing as a leading state in research and development, agricultural and environmental management, and health care; as well as stewarding an informed citizenry. For more information or to apply, please visit <https://mostpolicyinitiative.org/fellows/apply-for-fellowships/>.



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