

Applications Sought for 2018-2019 MRS/TMS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship

PROGRAM

The Fellow spends one year working as a special legislative assistant on the staff of a member of Congress or congressional committee. Activities may involve conducting legislative or oversight work, assisting in congressional hearings and debates and preparing briefs and writing speeches. The Fellow also attends an orientation program administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) on congressional and executive branch operations, which includes guidance in the congressional placement process, and a year-long seminar series on science and public policy issues. The AAAS also administers many other aspects of the program for the MRS/TMS Fellow, as well as other Fellows sponsored by nearly two dozen other scientific societies.

PURPOSE

To provide The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society and Materials Research Society members with an invaluable public policy learning experience, to contribute to the more effective use of materials knowledge in government, and to broaden awareness about the value of scientist and engineer-government interaction among Society members and within the federal government.

AWARD

The Fellow will have a one-year appointment beginning September 1, 2018. The Fellowship stipend will be \$72,000 plus additional funds for health insurance, travel and relocation expenses to the Washington, D.C. area. Final selection of the Fellow will be made in early 2018.

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CRITERIA

A prospective Fellow must have a record of success in research or scholarship in a field relevant to materials science and technology. The Fellow must also demonstrate sensitivity toward policy issues and have a strong interest in applying scientific and technical knowledge to United States public policy issues. The Fellow must be able to work quickly and communicate effectively to both scientific and non-scientific audiences on a wide variety of topics and work cooperatively with individuals having diverse viewpoints. An applicant is expected to be a member of TMS or MRS (or an applicant for membership) and have a PhD by September 1, 2018. US citizenship is not required; however, applicants must be authorized to work in the United States.

APPLICATION

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by **January 5, 2018** and must include the following materials:

1. a **résumé**, no longer than two pages, providing information about educational background, professional employment, community and professional activities, public policy and legislative experience and committee and advisory group appointments plus one additional page for professional publications and presentations;
2. a **statement of up to 1,000 words addressing the applicant's interest** in the fellowship, career goals, contributions the applicant believes he or she can make as a Fellow to the legislative process and what the applicant wants to learn from the experience; and
3. **three signed letters of reference** specifically addressing the applicant's qualifications for the fellowship as described in the "Criteria" section above. Letters of reference should be mailed or emailed directly by the reference to the address below and must be in PDF format, on official letterhead and include an electronic or scanned signature. Letters of reference should not be submitted by the candidates themselves. However, candidates are responsible for ensuring the letters are received by the deadline.

APPLY TO:

Application Deadline: January 5, 2018.

Apply online, email, or mail application materials to MRS at:

Online: awards.mrs.org

Email: gillespie@mrs.org

Mail: MRS/TMS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow Program c/o Donna Gillespie, Materials Research Society, 506 Keystone Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086