AMS/UCAR and AGU Congressional Science Fellowship Application Deadlines In Early Feb

Each year, AMS, UCAR, and AGU sponsor two doctorate-level scientists who take leave from their academic positions for a full year in order to join the staff of a Congressional committee or a Member of Congress. These Congressional Science Fellows serve as full-time staff to their committee or member, often carving out a niche in a policy area related to their field of work, assisting in the preparation and introduction of legislation, helping move legislation through Congress, writing speeches for Members, helping Members prepare for legislative debates, and meeting with constituents and lobbyists on behalf of their Member or committee.

The Fellowship is an opportunity to make a public service contribution, and it is stepping stone to other high-level work in federal policy and governance. Past AMS/UCAR Congressional Science Fellows include Ana Unruh-Cohen who remains on the Hill working for Congressman Edward Markey, Kevin Rennert who has become full-time staff with the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and Michael Morgan who currently directs the Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences at the NSF.

Please share this information and application with your colleagues and post-docs who may have an interest. If you are a permanent citizen of the U.S., a Ph.D. scientist, and a member of either AGU or AMS (or becoming one), you are eligible. Federal employees are not eligible. The AMS/UCAR fellowship is targeted towards atmospheric scientists and the AGU fellowship is targeted towards geophysicists, but there are no restrictions on age, educational or career level, or specific scientific background for either fellowship.

The application deadline for the AGU Congressional Science Fellowship <http://www.agu.org/sci_pol/cong_fellowship/> is on Feb. 1, 2011, and the deadline for the AMS/UCAR Congressional Science Fellowship <http://www.ametsoc.org/atmospolicy/congressionalfellow.html> is on Feb. 11, 2011. The two Fellowship programs have slightly different application processes, and so those interested in both will need to apply to both programs. For more information and applications, please follow the URL links above.