ABOUT

The Canadian Science Policy Fellowship supports evidence-informed decision-making to address public policy challenges in Canada. The fellowship offers PhD holders from all disciplines a 12-month immersion into the policy making process with participating government host offices.

The fellowship program builds robust relationships between decision makers and researchers, builds policy capacity within government, and contributes to a national network of science policy expertise across academia, government, not-for-profit organizations, and industry.

Fellowships start in September and finish in August of the following year.

HOST ELIGIBILITY

» Must be a federal or provincial government office

» Can host and support a fellow for 12 months including remuneration

» Has a policy position that requires advanced academic competencies

FELLOW ELIGIBILITY

» Canadian citizen or permanent resident

» PhD holders from all disciplines who are passionate about learning how science is implicated in policy-making

» Professors at a Mitacs Full or Associate Partner university

» Must be available to participate full-time in a 12-month fellowship at the host office

HOW TO APPLY

Federal and provincial government offices interested in hosting a fellow in the 2020–21 CSPF cohort can contact policyfellowship@mitacs.ca or visit our website for more details.

Prospective fellows and hosts apply directly to Mitacs through an annual call for proposals. Mitacs shortlists fellow semi-finalists to participate in the program and participating government host offices interview and select successful applicants for a fellowship position.

For more information on CSPF, contact policyfellowship@mitacs.ca or visit the fellowship web page at mitacs.ca/en/programs/canadian-science-policy-fellowship.

IMPORTANT DATES

Call for fellows: November 27, 2019 to February 5, 2020

Call for hosts: November 27, 2019 to March 4, 2020

“In my opinion, the Mitacs Science Policy Fellowship is an invaluable program to attract highly qualified personnel to the Government of Canada. CFIA has hosted 9 Mitacs fellows in three cycles. We view the mutually beneficial program as a way to introduce science policy to those with roots in academia. In return we have been rewarded with talented, highly motivated, natural leaders who continue to make valuable contributions.”

Loren Matheson, PhD
Science Lead, Office of the Chief Science Operating Officer, Science Branch
Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Government of Canada