

Applications Sought for 2012-2013

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 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. These aspects of the program are administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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, 2012. The Fellowship stipend will be \$72,000 plus assistance for health insurance, travel and relocation expenses to the Washington, DC area. Final selection of the Fellow will be made in early 2012.

CRITERIA:

A prospective Fellow must demonstrate 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 U.S. public policy issues. The Fellow must be able to work quickly and communicate effectively on a wide variety of topics, and be able to work cooperatively with individuals having diverse viewpoints. U.S. Citizenship is not required; however, applicants must be authorized to work in the United States.

APPLICATION:

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by January 6, 2012 and must include the following materials: (1) a resume, 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 approximately 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 ability to work on Capitol Hill as a special legislative assistant.

The deadline for applications is January 6, 2012.



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.

Application materials should be mailed or emailed to:

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

For more information, contact Donna Gillespie at 724-779-2732, gillespie@mrs.org or Mary Samsa at 724-814-3130, msamsa@tms.org.