

Position ID

E17-26

Position Title

Environmental Policy Fellow

Office Name

Polar Programs, National Science Foundation

Portfolio Summary

The Fellow would participate in the development of marine and terrestrial protected area management plans and in the development of policy positions on environmental protection in Antarctica, including marine areas. Projects would also include reviewing environmental impact assessments for U.S. science and operational activities in Antarctica, reviewing Antarctic Conservation Act permits and helping to manage a newly implemented permitting system. Some work would involve environmental assessments of science activities in the Arctic. The skills gained would include an understanding of interagency and international governance within the context of the Antarctic Treaty system, understanding of a federal permitting process under the Antarctic Conservation Act, familiarity with aspects of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, Endangered Species Act and NEPA as they relate to work in the Antarctic, understanding the relationship between marine and terrestrial components of complex ecosystems, proficiency in environmental impact assessment process and in the development and preparation of management plans. Ultimately the Fellow would gain an understanding of a broad range of environmental protection activities and their interrelationship with scientific research and operational activities in Antarctica. The deliverables will include position papers for senior management on a range of environmental, ecosystem management, and protection issues within the Antarctic Treaty system. Work would involve interagency activities related to the Antarctic Treaty System, the Protocol on Environmental Protection and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

Expertise Desired

A background in ecosystem science, environmental science, interdisciplinary studies, or environmental policy would be useful. Field experience would be a plus. The work style of Polar Programs is collaborative and interactive and involves working with scientists and engineers, as well as with environment, safety and logistics experts.

Travel within DC (days per month)

1 or 2

Travel outside DC (days per month)

variable, but up to 45 annually

Accepts Foreign Nationals

No