

Position ID

L21-01

Office

Senator Edward Markey

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Massachusetts

Relevant Committee Membership

Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works; Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship

Mentor

Hannah Vogel

Portfolio Summary

Senator Markey is currently a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee; the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; and the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. He is also the chair of the Senate Climate Change Task Force, which sets up meetings and briefings for senators on climate-related topics. Sen. Markey sits on committees with oversight responsibilities for the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Commerce (including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration). The Knauss Fellow would work on issues including climate, oceans, and fisheries. The fellow's portfolio will be tailored to based on existing skills, needs, interests, and experience within these spaces--drafting bills, leading oversight projects, engaging with groups and stakeholders, developing briefing materials for the senator, and staffing him at key meetings and hearings. Because of Sen. Markey's strong focus on an intersectional approach to climate action, projects related to climate issues and legislation will likely involve working across several teams within the Markey office (such as health, small business, labor, etc.) and with various stakeholders and advocates. The fellow will work directly with Hannah Vogel, senior legislative assistant on climate, energy, environment, and science, and with Morgan Gray, legislative director.

Expertise Desired

Senator Markey's staff work collaboratively and closely together, both within an issue/committee area and across teams. Fellows should be able to work well with others, respond to requests quickly and accurately, and synthesize complex concepts into simple language. An understanding of Massachusetts-specific issues is not necessary, but is a plus. Scientific expertise or interest in climate change and its intersection with other issues is also a benefit.

Day In the Life

No two days in the office are exactly the same, but there are full-staff meetings three times a week and daily check-in calls within the energy and environment team. These meetings help coordinate workflow, respond to fast-breaking issues, and address staffing needs for committee hearings, markups, and other official Senate business. On any given day, the Sea Grant fellow could be working on drafting legislation, meeting with constituents, assembling materials to staff Sen. Markey for committee business, writing oversight letters, or performing other tasks critical to advancing the interests of the office and constituents.

COVID Policies

The office has transitioned to virtual work throughout the pandemic, with video or phone check-ins to help onboard and coordinate workflow. The Sea Grant fellow will receive a computer and phone from the office to ensure they can access shared files and the Senate servers. The timeline to return to in-person work will continue to be evaluated based on medical and scientific best practices and staff comfort level.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-02

Office

Senator Chris Coons

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Delaware

Relevant Committee Membership

Appropriations, Foreign Relations

Mentor

Anna Yelverton

Portfolio Summary

We are seeking a fellow to be an integral member of the team that covers energy, environment, natural resources, agriculture, and science and technology. The fellow will be involved in all aspects of the team's work, including taking constituent meetings, developing strategic policy proposals, and getting involved in the budget and appropriations process. We are currently hosting a Knauss Fellow, and our team has hosted several AAAS Congressional Fellows (including one currently). We also have several fellows working with other policy teams in the office and our office has a strong focus on fellow mentorship and professional development. Previous energy & environment fellows have gone on to roles in the Senate, the House of Representatives, Department of Energy, Department of the Interior, Department of State, National Science Foundation, and think tanks in the DC region. The fellow in this position will assist generally with energy, environment, natural resources, agriculture, and science and technology issues, including leading on certain topics depending on interest. The Senator has strong interests in marine debris, coastal resiliency, and combating illegal fishing, and the fellow would be able to take the lead on one or more of these issues. Potential other topics include:

resilient communities and infrastructure, offshore wind, international water management, wildlife trafficking, pesticides, bipartisan climate policies, carbon pricing, and other oceans, coastal, and natural resource issues relevant to Delaware. Previous fellows on the team have written legislation on many of the above topics, planned corresponding events, and worked to advance bills through the Senate. Opportunities would also be available to work directly with and advise the Senator, including staffing him for relevant issues on the Appropriations Committee. The fellow is strongly encouraged to propose and take ownership of new ideas consistent with the Senator's priorities, as well as to collaborate with other legislative teams within the office. This position will report to Anna Yelverton, the Senator's energy & environment legislative assistant.

Expertise Desired

Our office is seeking a creative, enthusiastic, and engaged fellow with strong writing, communication, and analytical skills. A good fit is someone who is highly motivated, able to take initiative, and

enthusiastic about working in a Democratic Senate office with strong bipartisan interests. No specific disciplinary background is necessary, although we are looking for someone interested in working on a range of oceans, coastal, natural resource, water, and climate issues. We try to foster independence in our fellows and give them as much autonomy as possible, as long as it fits into the larger strategy for the portfolio and the Senator's priorities.

Day In the Life

Our office hours are 9 am to 5 pm when we are in recess (Senators are not in DC), and 9 am to 6 pm when we are in session (Senators are in DC/voting). We have an all-staff meeting on Mondays at 10 am when we are in session. Our team covers energy, environment, and agriculture policy and consists of four people: legislative assistant, legislative aide, AAAS fellow, Sea Grant fellow. Our team communicates regularly over email, group text, and a weekly conference call. A typical day consists of meetings that outside groups request or that we seek, any professional development/webinars/conferences that a fellow wishes to attend, and working on projects including writing bill texts, memos, communications materials, or other items as needed.

COVID Policies

Staff may work from home and are required to notify the office if they will be traveling/working from somewhere that is not their normal residence. Telework hours are the same as our normal operating hours. Staff are provided with a work phone and laptop to complete their work from home, and have access to a conference line and Skype, Zoom, and Webex for videoconferencing. Staff are permitted to work in the office on a rotating basis and must fill out a spreadsheet to ensure we do not exceed caps per suite. The office provides PPE, sanitizer, etc and staff typically wear masks if they are walking around or joining a meeting with the Senator.

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes

Position ID

L21-03

Office

Representative John Garamendi

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

California

Relevant Committee Membership

Transportation & Infrastructure

Mentor

Iain Hart

Portfolio Summary

Fellows in the office of Congressman Garamendi are fully integrated members of the legislative staff assigned legislative portfolios tailored to their expertise and personal interests, as well as the office's needs. The Knauss Fellow will assist me in my policy areas for environmental and water policy pertaining to the Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Interior Department (including USFWS International Affairs/wildlife trafficking), and climate resiliency.

Expertise Desired

Past fellows in the Congressman's office have left with new federal laws in hand that they drafted and helped the Congressman to pass, and we expect all future fellows to demonstrate the same ambition.

Day In the Life

Fellows will enjoy unfettered access to the Congressman and be expected to help staff him on his Committee assignments: Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

COVID Policies

Team Garamendi is working from home indefinitely.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-04

Office

Representative Salud Carbajal

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

California

Relevant Committee Membership

T&I, Ag, HASC

Mentor

Johanna Montiel

Portfolio Summary

The office of Representative Salud Carbajal is looking for a fellow to help with the energy and environment portfolio. While the Congressman is not in the committee of jurisdiction, this is an active portfolio. In the 116th Congress, 4 bills the Congressman introduced were referred to the House Natural Resources committee and three were marked out of the committee.

Responsibilities include generating new ideas, developing legislation, conducting research, drafting policy memos, and cultivating relationships with organizations, constituents, and other stakeholders. The fellow would report to the Legislative Director.

Expertise Desired

Candidates must be extremely team-oriented, self-starters, able to set and meet deadlines, value collaboration with the district office, and share a passion for constituent services. Excellent writing and verbal communication skills are essential. California ties are strongly preferred.

Day In the Life

A typical day in the office consists of a daily staff check in to go over outstanding projects. Legislative staff work with the Legislative Director and are given autonomy to work on projects within their portfolio. Potential projects include drafting correspondence to agencies, researching policy proposals, building relationships with key stakeholders and looking for ways to advance the Congressman's legislative priorities.

COVID Policies

Currently, the office of Congressman Salud Carbajal is following House guidance of maximum telework.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-05

Office

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented**Relevant Committee Membership****Mentor**

Fern Gibbons

Portfolio Summary

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather has broad jurisdiction over science and technology, weather, atmospheric activities, and matters that affect the Nation's oceans, coasts, and inland waterways. The Subcommittee is also responsible for legislation, oversight, and investigations of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Science and Technology, Marine Mammal Commission, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The fellow will have an opportunity to work on all legislation and matters within the subcommittee's jurisdiction and will work closely with the agencies with the goal of producing effective policy.

The fellow will have many opportunities to engage with every NOAA line office through the legislative affairs specialists. The Committee expects the fellow to contribute meaningfully and consider the fellow to be an equal player with similar responsibilities as other professional legislative staff. The fellow will attend meetings and briefings; conduct background research; prepare memos, talking points, and questions for hearings; brief the Chairman; and draft and edit legislation. Fellows are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous opportunities for professional development that exist, including travel related to relevant topics in the portfolio.

Expertise Desired

The Subcommittee is seeking a dependable professional who has an appreciation for the reality that policy often advances with bipartisan support; therefore, we seek a fellow who has a respect for diverse perspectives and a desire to work pragmatically to address complex issues.

Strong writing, interpersonal communication, and organizational skills are required. A successful fellow would be interested in developing pragmatic coastal and marine management policies while working with constituent groups, state agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

Mandatory skills: An ability to contribute to a positive work environment and work well within a team culture.

Day In the Life

Committee staff are subject matter experts on the Hill and are expected to have an in-depth knowledge on topics within the Committees/Subcommittees' jurisdiction. They research, draft and negotiate legislation based on the interests of the members of the Committee. Because of the need to balance multiple member issues, committee staff often have a national or regional focus on issues, rather than looking at issues at the state or district level. Regarding day to day operations, a fellow should expect to meet with Federal agencies and non-governmental organizations to seek feedback on bills that are drafted by the Committee staff, including the fellow, or referred to the Committee. Based on this feedback, fellows will work with Senate Legislative Council to either draft or edit bills/amendments in preparation for text introduction and Committee legislative hearings ("markups"). Additionally, if the Committee has an upcoming hearing for either oversight or legislative purposes, the fellow should expect to conduct background research, prepare memos, and prepare talking points for the Chair. Fellows are encouraged to take classes offered by the Congressional Research Services to learn more about the legislative process, particularly at the start of the fellowship, and should actively seek out other professional development (PD) opportunities (e.g. other classes, conferences, domestic or international meetings, etc.) and make full use of PD funds.

COVID Policies

Office policies regarding COVID-19 follow the guidelines of the Senate's Attending Physician, which are based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention best practices to minimize the risk of coronavirus transmission in the workplace through use of social distancing measures and daily screening of employee health prior to reporting for duty. Following these guidelines, the office anticipates adopting an alternating "team" model January 2021, which would result in staff coordinating to ensure coverage in the office. This is subject to change and will be re-evaluated closer to the end of the year. As a fellow you will work with the Deputy Policy Director of the Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather to determine an appropriate telework schedule that follows staff guidelines, accommodates fellow's personal comfort levels, and maximizes fellowship professional development opportunities.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-06

Office

Representative Matt Cartwright

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Pennsylvania

Relevant Committee Membership

Appropriations (CJS - Including NOAA - Incoming Cardinal/Chair). Natural Resources (in 116th, unsure on 117th)

Mentor

Jeremy Marcus

Portfolio Summary

We are looking for a fellow to take on a wide range of energy environment work, including appropriations work related to NOAA. This will include work on fracking, climate change, clean water, energy efficiency, and other environmentally related topics. We also have the option for fellows to expand their work into other fields should they choose to. But work will expand beyond oceans and fisheries.

Expertise Desired

We want someone who is a quick learner with a great attitude and is open to tackling new challenges. We are hoping to find someone who wants to challenge themselves in areas outside their comfort zone while really learning what it is like to work on the Hill in a senior position on a great team. Any knowledge the fellow brings is a huge bonus that we will certainly capitalize on, but an openness to new experiences and a desire to learn is really the most important thing.

Day In the Life

The fellow will act as an LA essentially. Preparing bills, meeting with interest groups and constituents, preparing for hearings and markups, writing speeches, briefing the Congressman, writing correspondence, and developing long term ideas/projects. We treat our fellows as a full member of the team. Fellows are invited and generally come on our office retreats (non covid times that is), and are always in the staff meetings and meetings with the member.

COVID Policies

We are 100% working from home until we get a vaccine!

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes

Position ID

L21-07

Office

Representative Marcy Kaptur

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Ohio

Relevant Committee Membership

Appropriations-Chair of Energy and Water Subcommittee

Mentor

Matt Kaplan

Portfolio Summary

Description: In the era of COVID-sparse staff, majority teleworking but staff/fellows are expected to work and fulfill obligations as usual. We have 1 Deputy Chief/LD, 1 Approps Counsel, 2 Legislative Assistants, 1 Communication Director, 1 Scheduler/Office Manager, and 1 Staff Assistant/LC Fellow will report to Matthew Kaplan (Legislative/Policy Issues) and Courtney Hruska (Administrative Issues)

Very hardworking and focused office. Everyone pitches in, no duty too big or too small.

Main focus of fellow will be energy/water/environmental portfolio.

Expertise Desired

Strong science based background. Understanding and enthusiasm for aquatic wildlife and harmful algal blooms projects. Well rounded in environmental issues. Strong research and writing abilities.

Day In the Life

9am-5pm. Heavy research and writing components. Collaborate with Matt Kaplan.

COVID Policies

Telework unless otherwise specified by Chief of Staff.

Able to host a Foreign National

Only if US citizens are not available.

Position ID

L21-08

Office

Representative Jared Huffman

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

California

Relevant Committee Membership

Natural Resources Committee (Chair - Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee); Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Mentor

Christine Sur

Portfolio Summary

Jared Huffman represents California's 2nd Congressional District, made up of six counties that stretch from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border. Boasting a third of the California coastline, the district includes national forests and wilderness, marine sanctuaries, pristine rivers, agriculture, fishing communities, and protected wildlife, presenting a wide array of natural resource issues that the Fellow will work on. Congressman Huffman is a senior member of the Natural Resources Committee and is the Chair of the Water, Oceans, and Wildlife (WOW) subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over NOAA and the Fish and Wildlife Service. He is also a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and was a member of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis last Congress. Working on environmental issues is a priority for the Congressman and the office.

The Fellow will handle a portfolio that focuses on natural resources and may include ocean and fisheries management, wildlife and endangered species, public lands and forests, and climate and/or energy. The Fellow will be treated as a member of the staff and will be responsible for developing legislation; preparing for committee hearings and markups; working with committees, agencies, and outside groups; and advising and staffing Congressman Huffman. The Fellow will also assist in drafting speeches, briefing memos, oversight letters, and other materials as needed, and will be involved in all steps of the legislative process including drafting legislation. Finally, the Fellow will meet with constituents, interest groups, and others. The Fellow will be the staff lead for the Wild Salmon Caucus, which Congressman Huffman co-chairs, and legislation including the Salmon FISH Act. The Fellow may be responsible for other legislation, including bills focused on natural climate solutions, oceans and fisheries, and other issues within the Natural Resources portfolio.

The Fellow will report to Christine Sur, Senior Natural Resources Advisor and former Knauss legislative fellow (2017).

Expertise Desired

A successful candidate will be creative, demonstrate strong communication skills, and be capable of learning quickly while working both independently and as part of a team. The candidate should possess a desire to work on a wide array of issues within the environment and natural resources portfolio, as described above. In addition, the candidate will have excellent organizational and time management skills, a professional manner, and most importantly, a sense of humor.

Day In the Life

The Fellow will work independently and with the DC staff, taking the lead on both long-term projects and shorter-term/time-sensitive projects as they come up. Day to day might include taking meetings with constituents or outside groups, preparing for and attending committee hearings and markups, reaching out to experts on relevant topics, conducting research and writing memos, or drafting and editing legislation. The Fellow is expected to join weekly staff meetings, meetings with the Congressman, and weekly one-on-one meetings with the Fellow's supervisor.

Fellows are encouraged to seek out professional development opportunities, including but not limited to webinars, conferences, Congressional Research Service trainings, and relevant travel (if possible). The office is collaborative and supportive of the Fellow and the Fellow's success in the position.

COVID Policies

The Fellow will be working remotely until the Huffman office policy requires staff to return to the DC office, when it is determined safe to do so. Official hours during telework will be the same as the hours under in-office circumstances. The Fellow is not required to go into the office during remote work, but is able to access the office if necessary and at their own discretion.

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes

Position ID

L21-09

Office

Senator Roger Wicker

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

Mississippi

Relevant Committee Membership

Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Chairman) and Environment and Public Works

Mentor

Neal McMillin

Portfolio Summary

Senator Roger Wicker seeks a fellow who will continue to build upon a broad portfolio of marine and coastal legislative issues. With serious matters facing the Gulf Coast and a growing blue economy in Mississippi, the fellow placed in this position will have a significant issue base. The fellow will advise the Senator on an array of legislative activities which currently include fisheries management, ocean exploration technologies, disaster preparedness, illegal fishing enforcement, seafood trade, coastal restoration, flooding, offshore aquaculture, and more. In addition, the fellow may work on issues that fall under the jurisdiction of the Environment and Public Works Committee, such as wildlife management and water infrastructure.

The fellow will staff the Senator in meetings, hearings, and committee markups. It is expected that he or she will draft bipartisan legislation and amendments during the fellowship. The selected individual should expect significant interaction with university researchers in Mississippi, the Gulf of Mexico recreational and commercial fishing industry, the aquaculture industry, federal agencies, and a number of non-profit organizations. A successful fellow will master the concerns facing one of the most productive ecosystems in the United States while gaining a valuable understanding of the legislative process and rules of the Senate.

Expertise Desired

The Senator is seeking a dependable professional who desires real responsibility and the opportunity to develop policies and strategies that will have a tangible effect on the environment and economy.

The appropriate candidate should have a broad background in marine and coastal issues, and must be enthusiastic about working on bipartisan legislation. Our fellow must be able to see multiple perspectives on an issue and work to best resolve pressing problems for our nation's oceans and coasts. A successful candidate must be able to meet deadlines, think critically, and work well under pressure. Our fellow may be asked to drop what he or she is doing to help with a time-sensitive task, so flexibility is key. Excellent interpersonal communication, writing, and organizational skills are required.

Day In the Life

A fellow in Senator Wicker's office will typically begin his or her day by skimming through newsletters and press clip in order to stay on top of relevant news. Depending on the schedule, the rest of the day could include meeting with constituents or federal agency representatives, attending a committee hearing, preparing a memo, collaborating with the communications team to draft talking points, building relationships with other ocean staffers, conducting background research on an issue, or drafting and editing legislation. The fellow will have opportunities to work on long-term projects, but will sometimes be asked to assist on a time-sensitive project, meet a tight deadline, or be pulled in to staff a last-minute meeting. A successful fellow will be flexible and able to pivot between topics and tasks. Fellows are encouraged to actively seek out professional development opportunities (e.g. classes, webinars, conferences, trips to Mississippi, other domestic or international travel, etc.), especially during weeks when the Senate is on recess. Fellows are also encouraged to take advantage of classes offered by the Congressional Research Service to learn more about the legislative process.

COVID Policies

Office policies regarding COVID-19 follow the guidelines of the Senate's Attending Physician. These guidelines are based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention best practices to minimize risk of coronavirus transmission in the workplace through use of social distancing measures and daily screening of employee health prior to reporting for duty. Following these guidelines, the office has adopted an alternating "team" model in which staff rotate to ensure coverage in the office while still social distancing. The Chief of Staff re-evaluates the rotation schedule on a weekly basis. Masks are required in the office except when a staff member is sitting at his or her desk, and social distancing is enforced. A fellow in Senator Wicker's office should expect to spend one to three days in the office each week. The fellow will be issued a laptop and cell phone for use while teleworking.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-10

Office

Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented**Relevant Committee Membership****Mentor**

Elizabeth Mabry

Portfolio Summary

The Committee's broad jurisdiction includes: policy and budget oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), including advice and consent on nominations for its senior political leadership; oversight of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) including reviewing its nominees and its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); the Clean Water Act (CWA); the Safe Drinking Water Act; environmental justice; fish and wildlife issues including oversight of the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Endangered Species Act (ESA); Outer Continental Shelf issues including energy development and its impacts on marine ecosystems; the Clean Air Act and related climate issues; toxic substances, including the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); remediation of contaminated lands; nuclear energy issues and oversight of the Nuclear Energy Commission; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including navigation and ensuring the protection and resilience of coastal and riverine areas; and transportation issues. The Senator also serves as a co-chair of the Senate Recycling and Environmental Justice Caucuses.

The Knauss Sea Grant Legislative Fellow will be a key member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee minority staff and the Fellow's portfolio will be flexible depending on the Fellow's interests and experience and needs within the team. Past Fellows have worked on NEPA, CWA, WRDA, ESA and other species/wildlife refuge matters, as well as efforts to protect the nation's watersheds and estuaries, and ensure the resilience of our coasts, communities, and ecosystems in the face of a changing climate. In addition to Committee-specific issues, the Fellow will have the opportunity to help advise Ranking Member Tom Carper (DE) on a range of non-EPW issues including parks, lands, ocean and coastal, living marine resources, and other NOAA/Commerce-related issues he will face as a U.S. Senator.

As a full-fledged member of our professional staff, the Fellow will have opportunities to: investigate hot-button issues; draft legislation; find and prepare witnesses for hearings; organize roundtables; prepare memos, questions, and statements for hearings; draft Floor statements; participate in meetings and briefings; travel to Delaware; and directly advise Ranking Member Carper. This experience will give the Fellow an opportunity to work closely with staff in other Congressional offices, EPW majority colleagues, federal and state experts in multiple agencies, and the wide variety of stakeholders and other parties interested in the work of this Committee.

Our staff is replete with former Sea Grant, AAAS and Presidential Management Fellows, so, we understand the responsibilities of and opportunities for Fellows and hosts. Given that sensitivity and the wide range of topics within the Committee's jurisdiction, we will encourage our Fellow to find and focus on issues of particular interest to them. On each issue, the Fellow will report to the applicable member of the EPW staff but will have consistent, monthly check-ins with Elizabeth Mabry, Senior Policy Advisor, and Christophe Tulou, Policy Director.

Expertise Desired

The ability to contribute to a positive work environment. The Committee seeks a Fellow who has a strong background in science, law, and/or public policy. We work in a fast-paced environment, and are always interested in Fellows who can write well, learn quickly, and clearly articulate complex concepts to people who have only a general familiarity with the issues.

Day In the Life

Each week the Senate is in session, EPW typically has at least one Committee hearing and/or business meeting. This means each day is consumed with preparations – for Ranking Member Carper and our Democratic members. This involves drafting memorandums, briefing the Senator, and briefing our member offices. Senator Carper also meets with a variety of stakeholders, colleagues, and individuals on any given day, and staff prepares him and accompanies him to those meetings. Because the Committee staff serves not only the Ranking Member, but also our Committee members and the full Democratic caucus, we take a wide range of meetings at the staff level as well, covering issues of importance to not only Delaware but the entire nation. When the Senate is in recess, we work on long-term projects such as drafting non-urgent legislation and scheduling lengthier meetings. EPW consistently interacts with agencies in our Committees jurisdiction as well on both oversight and legislative matters. The Fellow will be invited to participate in all of these day-to-day activities.

COVID Policies

The EPW office is still following maximum flexibility telework protocols. As our protocols change, we will work with our fellow to ensure that he or she is comfortable.

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes

Position ID

L21-11

Office

Senator Cory Booker

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

New Jersey

Relevant Committee Membership

EPW

Mentor

Adam Zipkin

Portfolio Summary

1. Work with constituents a. Meet with constituents and advise the Senator/staff on issues raised by constituents. b. Support office activities related to the climate, environmental justice, natural resources, and oceans. c. Liaise with constituents, grassroots groups, industry and NGOs.

2. Develop policy on climate, environmental justice, and other environmental topics a. Assist in drafting legislation by researching, working with experts, and writing. b. Support staff developing member requests during the annual appropriations process. c. Draft letters on portfolio-related issues; write talking points for floor statements and hearings; and keep up-to-date with science and policy issues impacting the climate, environment, and the state of New Jersey.

3. Support work in the Environment & Public Works Committee and the Environmental Justice Caucus a. Assist in preparation of background documents for hearings; attend briefings, hearings, meetings and conferences; review, and analyze legislation and research topics related to the Environment & Public Works Committee and leadership in the Environmental Justice Caucus. b. Provide support to the newly established Senate Environmental Justice Caucus.

Expertise Desired

Applicants must be able to advance projects independently and possess excellent written and oral communication skills. Applicants should hold a commitment to advancing environmental justice.

Day In the Life

On a typical day, a fellow would have meeting with constituents and outside groups, prepare for hearings, write co-sponsorship memos, and research/advance legislation.

COVID Policies

We are currently working remotely and will continue to do so until it is safe for staff to return.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-12

Office

House Transportation and Infrastructure; Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented**Relevant Committee Membership****Mentor**

Matt Dwyer

Portfolio Summary

Democrats will reassume the majority in the 117th Congress although with a slimmer margin than enjoyed in the 116th Congress. It is expected that the subcommittee will contribute to Chairman Peter DeFazio's initiative to pass major infrastructure legislation which is a top priority of the incoming Biden/Harris administration. Additionally, the subcommittee will initiate drafting the next two-year Coast Guard Authorization Act to follow-on to successful passage of the 2019-2020 CGAA at the end of the 116th Congress. Consequently, the subcommittee will continue oversight of the Coast Guard budget priorities, major system acquisitions, and mission balance and performance across all 11 Coast Guard statutory missions, including search and rescue, environmental enforcement and polar icebreaking. In particular, the subcommittee can expect to examine Coast Guard implementation of high seas enforcement actions to address IUU fishing, Coast Guard oversight of oil spill responders, and Coast Guard actions and those of the US maritime industry, to prevent community spread of COVID-19 among Coast Guard servicemembers and the entire US Maritime Transportation System. The subcommittee will also pursue anew its oversight of "greenshipping" advances in the US and abroad, especially the development of zero-carbon emission vessels, alternative maritime fuels, and port electrification. The subcommittee will continue examine new Maritime Administration initiatives and programs critical to future greening of the US maritime industry, including new opportunities to expand the Marine Highway networks, implementation of the Port Infrastructure Development Program, and new advances in remotely-operated or autonomous maritime systems and their application to US carriers, port service providers, and marine terminal operators. Oversight of the Jones Act is a certainty, and the subcommittee will likely follow-up to evaluate the Federal Maritime Commission's oversight of foreign-flag ocean carriers and disruption in the US maritime supply chain. Given the expanse of the subcommittee's jurisdictions, the fellow will have the freedom to determine their interests within these areas of jurisdiction and base their portfolio of work within their interest areas. The fellow will be treated as a member of the team and just as staff would. They would report directly to the Subcommittee Staff Director, Matt Dwyer while also working closely will staff on the subcommittee and T&I full committee. The fellow's work could include writing and drafting legislation, brain storming legislative priorities, interacting with House Members on the Committee and their respective staff, preparing and running subcommittee hearings, and taking meetings with agency representatives and

stakeholders. Along with the responsibilities of the subcommittee, the fellow would be encouraged and supported to partake in professional development activities to further enrich their fellowship experience. Previous fellows have gone on to receive job opportunities in both the executive and legislative branches as well as with outside groups.

Expertise Desired

Good communication skills, especially writing skills, are necessary. Ability to quickly synthesize and distill new information is important. Hands on knowledge of the Coast Guard and US maritime industry is not necessary, but a broad interest in US ocean and coastal policy is very helpful. A willingness to participate, learn, and assume responsibility, is expected and beneficial. Best to have someone who can work independently but also thrive in a small team environment. The entire fellowship is geared to immerse the Fellow in the legislative process, build subject matter expertise, and prepare the fellow for post-fellowship career opportunities in Congress.

Day In the Life

The subcommittee office is located in 507 Ford House Office Building with the committee offices located in 2165 Rayburn House Office Building. When not during a pandemic, the fellow will have their own desk and cubicle space within the subcommittee office in Ford. While Ford does involve an outside walk to get to the rest of the Capitol Hill complex, it provides a quieter atmosphere where staff can peacefully focus on their work without the disruptions of constituents meandering the halls. The fellow will work around 4 other subcommittee staff members in a “larger than your average Congressional office” space. Typically, the fellow would be expected to work in the office daily but due to the ongoing pandemic, fellows will be working remotely until it is deemed safe to return to the office. While there is no “typical” day on Capitol Hill, the fellow can expect many days to include working from a computer and desk, taking meetings with government officials and industry representatives in the office or elsewhere on campus, attending informational briefings, sitting in and/or managing hearings or markups, and attending a weekly staff meeting in Rayburn. The work will also track the process of enacting a comprehensive Coast Guard Authorization Act from development to final passage. Much of the responsibility of working in a Congressional office is monitoring current events and responding accordingly so fellows should be prepared for a changing workload and have the ability to turn around work quickly. Typical office hours are 9am to 6pm but might change depending on the day, events occurring, and vote schedule.

COVID Policies

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is closely following CDC guidance and working remotely for the foreseeable future. The fellow will be provided a computer and phone to enable telework abilities and connect to the House VPN. The fellow should still expect to work a typical work day from home and be familiar with video conferencing platforms. As the Committee moves back to working in the office, staff will work with the fellow to ensure a safe return. No return date has been determined at this time.

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes

Position ID

L21-13

Office

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented**Relevant Committee Membership****Mentor**

Nicole Teutschel

Portfolio Summary

Under the standing rules of the Senate, the Commerce Committee has broad jurisdiction over oceanic and atmospheric issues. Under Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington state as Chair of the committee, we have particular focus on issues that impact the Pacific Northwest such as salmon conservation, sustainable fisheries management, improvements to weather forecasts, Arctic policy, oil spill prevention and response, among other priorities. Much of our time is spent drafting and reviewing legislation, conducting oversight, and leading investigations that relate to the activities of the six line offices of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard. Because these issues crosscut several federal agencies, we also work with the Army Corps of Engineers, National Science Foundation, National Aeronautic and Space Administration, Federal Emergency Management Administration, Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, and others; and sometimes we work collaboratively with committees that have overlapping jurisdiction in both the House and the Senate. Generally every year, we work on (and pass) a reauthorization of the Coast Guard, which includes provisions related to the service's environmental enforcement missions, oil spill response missions, and fishery enforcement missions. We also work to reauthorize and amend any number of ocean and atmospheric laws-- including the Coral Reef Conservation Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observing System Act, the Sanctuaries Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Weather Act-- just to name a few. In addition to legislation and oversight, we staff Chairwoman Cantwell and other members at the full committee level or within the smaller subcommittees. We work to research and write a detailed and cited Committee staff memo in advance of those hearings; and memos, statements, and questions for the chair of both the full committee and the subcommittee. We expect that primarily our fellows make the most of their fellowship year to first learn about Senate procedure, secondly to make relationships in the field, and thirdly to determine whether they want to further pursue a career in policy, and if so, find an excellent post-fellowship position. To do that, we recommend that our fellows pursue Congressional Research Service trainings, and seek out briefings or other events of interest. In addition to the policy areas mentioned above, we also focus on issues important to the chair of the subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather. Finally, we provide staffing and assistance to all democratic members of the Committee, so we get involved on a broad array of national issues. The

previous fellow focused on fish and marine mammal issues, among other things. The fellow will report to Nikky Teutschel and Sara Gonzalez-Rothi.

Expertise Desired

We have hosted many different fellows with widely varied backgrounds, experiences, interests, and working styles. At the end of the day, there are only three essential characteristics of a fellow in our suite: (1) an effective writer (2) able to work in a team setting that is at times high-pressure and at other times requires self-initiation, and (3) discreet.

Day In the Life

Fellows should expect a varied set of experiences depending on the needs of the moment. Days will often include a mix of virtual meetings and calls on policy issues, research, drafting of materials, planning for hearings, and working on legislative projects.

COVID Policies

The office adheres to strict COVID-19 protocols to ensure staff and member safety to the highest possible degree. Telework should be the expectation until circumstances allow for safe in person operations. In instances where a physical presence is required in the office for hearings or materials preparation our team coordinates to ensure that risk is reduced to the greatest extent possible.

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes

Position ID

L21-14

Office

House Natural Resources Committee-Majority; Water, Oceans, and Wildlife

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented**Relevant Committee Membership****Mentor**

Lora Snyder

Portfolio Summary

The Subcommittee Oceans and Wildlife focuses on policy and oversight related to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This includes our fundamental conservation and wildlife management laws, such as the Lacey Act, Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Act. Our top priorities for the 117th Congress include addressing ocean-based climate solutions to combat the climate crisis, increasing the resilience and adaptation potential of our oceans, coasts, wildlife, and wildlife habitats, protecting the ocean and coastal economy, restoring scientific integrity, and preserving our conservation laws.

As a member of the oceans and wildlife team, the Fellow would become the resident expert on issues based on their interests and the needs of the subcommittee. The Fellow would also contribute to the team on the full spectrum of issues and committee activities as we plan and execute hearings, shepherd legislation through Congress, exercise oversight of the former and current administration and its rule-makings, and assist Members of Congress in their duties as they relate to oceans and wildlife. The Fellow would draft memos and talking points for hearings, markups, and floor debates, identify and invite witnesses for hearings, research and draft legislation and oversight letters, attend briefings, meet with stakeholders, and brief Members of Congress and their staff.

In addition to ideas developed by the Fellow, potential projects may include:

- Assisting in revising and reintroducing the Ocean-Based Climate Solution Act, a comprehensive suite of policies to address climate change in ocean and coastal ecosystems.
- Developing a hearing and writing legislation on the use of modern technology and innovative models to achieve conservation objectives and reduce friction between economic development and wildlife conservation.
- Participating in oversight of human rights abuses in international wildlife trafficking prevention, planning a hearing, and writing legislation to address gaps in grant oversight and prevent future human rights abuses, especially where U.S. government funding is involved.
- Evaluating the current programs and collaborations for combating aquatic invasive species and writing legislation that identifies and supports new strategies and opportunities for controlling invasive species.

- Developing new and innovative approaches for recovering endangered and threatened species, valuing biodiversity and ecosystem health, and promoting environmental justice.

Expertise Desired

The U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee has hosted many Knauss fellows over the decades from various backgrounds with experiences, interests, and working styles. An open mind, humility about what they know and don't know, and willingness to learn new things from scratch will help the Fellow succeed in this role. We work in a fast-paced, pressure-filled environment, and are always interested in Fellows who can write well and clearly articulate complex concepts to people who have only a general familiarity with the issues. We do our best to not micromanage and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to Committee work, so the Fellow must be comfortable with attempting brand-new things and learning on the fly. Fellows who serve on the Committee work hard and are rewarded with an unparalleled learning experience and a springboard to career opportunities in government, academia, and the private and non-profit sectors.

Day In the Life

We are a very collaborative team. Very little gets done in a silo-- instead we all pitch in to help with near-term priorities, and we each have longer-term projects that we are working on or issues that we're tracking. A fellow will be expected to join in that structure and work on both ocean and wildlife issues: for example, one week they may be helping develop questions for an upcoming hearing on wildlife, organizing a coalition call on Right Whales, drafting a letter to the Administration on the Endangered Species Act, and writing a markup memo for a bill on coastal resilience. Our team does regular virtual check-ins a few times a week, where we discuss near-term deadlines and longer-term projects. This is a great opportunity for a Fellow to volunteer to take on new tasks. Team members will be available throughout each work day for additional check-ins to answer any questions or to help to scope projects. We give each other a lot of support, try to stay ahead of deadlines, and everything we write goes through multiple levels of edits and approvals.

COVID Policies

We have a telework policy for the Committee that we can share. Right now the expectation is that everyone works from home. There may be a few times when in-person attendance may be necessary but that will be dealt with early and no one is expected to perform in-person work if they feel it cannot be performed safely or if there are extenuating circumstances (for example lack of childcare)

Able to host a Foreign National

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Position ID

L21-15

Office

Representative Nanette Barragán

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

California

Relevant Committee Membership

Energy and Commerce

Mentor

Matt Dernoga

Portfolio Summary

climate, ocean, coastal, clean energy, and environmental justice policy

Expertise Desired**Day In the Life**

A fellow can expect to track committee hearings related to climate, ocean, clean energy, and environmental justice policy, work directly on drafting legislation around these areas, and work on outreach to member offices and organizations to build support for existing and prospective legislation.

COVID Policies

Most if not all work is remote until further notice

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-16

Office

Senator Richard Blumenthal

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Connecticut

Relevant Committee Membership

Senate Commerce, Science & Technology Committee, Subcommittee on Science Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather

Mentor

Elizabeth Kanick

Portfolio Summary

As a senior member on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather, Senator Blumenthal is seeking a legislative fellow to support his efforts on environmental, energy, oceans, fisheries, Coast Guard, and science related matters. Per the Senator's direction, our staff (along with a fellow) will immediately get to work on issues related to climate change in the next Congress.

Specifically, we hope to address issues surrounding the migration of fish stock in the Northeast as a result of warming waters and those effects on allocations and quota for commercial fishermen and women. Moreover, we look forward to a reauthorization of the MSA in the coming Congress and active input from a motivated fellow. Our fellow will be part of a legislative team focused on climate change mitigation, ocean conservation strategies, coastal zone management, and developing a road map towards offshore aquaculture. While these issues will be the focus of our fellow's work generally, this is a unique opportunity for potential fellows to have the capability to set their own priorities and work on issues of interest to them personally. Our legislative staff work on policy initiatives as a team – coordination on projects of interest that overlap with other portfolios is encouraged.

As the senior Senator from a coastal state, Senator Blumenthal is active on issue the effect oceans, fisheries, and the maritime economy. Moreover, Connecticut is home to the United States Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT), booming shellfish aquaculture operations, a storied commercial fishing industry, and passionate constituents who care deeply about the health and sustainability of their waterways.

Expertise Desired

Educational or working background in marine biology, oceanography, weather, marine fisheries, oceans policy, or the U.S. Coast Guard. Strong writing skills and the ability to handle multiple projects at once,

while prioritizing tasks based upon deadlines. New England ties and knowledge of the issues facing the region are a plus.

Day In the Life

Currently, our office is working remotely. We outfit each of our staff and fellows with work-from-home equipment (laptop, phone, etc.). We hold weekly all-staff and legislative staff meetings to keep all staff informed on the work of the office and that of the Senator. Our normal work week runs Monday to Friday, hours of operation are roughly 9:00 am to 6:00 pm (some adjustment for 'recess'/state work periods). We are a family-friendly and flexible work environment and strive to support our staff and our fellows so that they can achieve their professional goals. Our legislative fellows are treated as full members of our staff and we work with them throughout their fellowship to ensure that they have a good and worth-while experience.

COVID Policies

As of now, and with few exceptions, our full staff is teleworking. We are constantly evaluating conditions and follow the guidance of local public health authorities.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-17

Office

Senator Jeffrey Merkley

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Oregon

Relevant Committee Membership

Environment and public works, appropriations, budget, foreign relations

Mentor

Ben Schreiber

Portfolio Summary

Senator Merkley is looking for a fellow to join his energy and environment team. Senator Merkley cares personally about the climate crisis and it is a priority issue for the office. As a member of the Environment and Public Works, the Foreign Relations Committee, the Senate Budget Committee and the Appropriations Committee, Senator Merkley will continue his progressive leadership on environmental issues in the 117th Congress. Areas that Senator Merkley is focusing on include ocean climate, plastics and petrochemicals, water access, fossil fuel extraction, fossil fuel divestment, climate justice, energy democracy, good jobs in the green economy, shipping and zero-emission vehicles.

The fellow will report to climate and energy program director Ben Schreiber. The fellow will also work closely with the Senators LD, Senior policy advisor for environment issues, Legislative Correspondent and a AAAS fellow. The fellow will work as a full staff member and have the opportunity to work on policy and legislation and to staff the Senator in hearings and meetings. Responsibilities include taking constituent meetings, write memos, staff the Senator and work to develop legislative policy. Fellows will work on priority projects

This office is an equal opportunity employer, committed to developing an organization that is reflective of and sensitive to the needs of the diverse community we serve. The office does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, genetic information, disability, or uniformed service. We invite members of all diverse communities.

Expertise Desired

A successful Fellow candidate should have a working knowledge of climate, environmental justice, energy policy, or labor. While Senator Merkley understands that Fellow candidates will not be subject matter experts in all of these fields, at least some background knowledge and level of familiarity with the portfolios is preferable. Strong writing and communication skills are essential. Senator Merkley's team is very collegial and collaborative, and a successful applicant will be ready and willing to engage in a wide variety of issues, depending on the team's need and bandwidth at any given time.

Day In the Life

While there is no standard day, the team starts our office hours are 9-6 eastern. The team starts every day with a quick 9:00 am check in. When in session we have a weekly check in with our legislative director, weekly legislative time with Senator Merkley, a weekly staff meeting, and two weekly meetings with the broader legislative team to discuss cross-programmatic issues.

COVID Policies

Our office remains completely remote, and expects to remain so until there is a widely available vaccine. We understand the challenges that come with a remote work environment, and offer flexibility to deal with those challenges. Team Merkley is committed to integrating the fellow into the team, despite the challenges of operating in a remote work environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes

Position ID

L21-18

Office

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Rhode Island

Relevant Committee Membership

EPW, Finance

Mentor

Jill Hamilton

Portfolio Summary

Since joining the Senate in 2007, Senator Whitehouse has been a staunch and vocal advocate for addressing climate change and ocean and coastal issues. His thoughtful and detail-attentive leadership on these issues has earned him the respect of colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Even in our often divided, partisan environment, he consistently brings Republicans and Democrats together to get bills passed into law.

Senator Whitehouse is Co-Chair of the bipartisan Senate Oceans Caucus, where he works closely with fellow Co-Chair Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and other caucus members on ocean and coastal policy. The Fellow will join the other members of the Senator's environmental policy team (the "Green Team", which includes one former Sea Grant Fellow, and one current and one former AAAS Fellow) to protect, conserve, and manage our oceans and coasts, with special attention paid towards safeguarding these critical ecosystems from the effects of climate change.

In the coming year, Senator Whitehouse and the Green Team will be focused on addressing issues in the ocean-climate nexus, including sea level rise, coastal resiliency, offshore wind development, sustainable fisheries, protecting and restoring blue carbon ecosystems, strengthening ocean data and monitoring, and championing strong investments in ocean and coastal research. Other areas of focus will include addressing plastic pollution and marine debris, and addressing IUU fishing and labor issues domestically and internationally. The Fellow will have a significant opportunity to develop and draft new legislation, as well as to work collaboratively with constituents, stakeholders, and other Congressional offices. The Fellow will work most closely with, and report to, the office's Ocean and Coastal Policy staff member, Jill Hamilton (Sea Grant Fellow '19).

Our team is eager to work with the Fellow to develop a policy portfolio that caters to the Fellow's experience and interests. In addition to the previously mentioned legislative priorities, the Fellow will have the opportunity to help lead the work of the 41-member, bipartisan Senate Oceans Caucus, drive forward implementation of the Caucus's prior legislative successes in IUU fishing and marine debris, and develop new priority areas for the Caucus to address this Congress. Additionally, the Fellow can expect to work closely with the Senate Commerce Committee to advance existing legislation pertaining to

ocean data and monitoring, sustainable fisheries, and blue carbon ecosystems, and work with the Environment and Public Works Committee on numerous efforts pertaining to coastal infrastructure and climate resiliency. In addition, the Fellow will have the opportunity to research witnesses, prepare questions and opening remarks, review legislative proposals, and brief the Senator for hearings and markups, as well as engage in appropriations and oversight processes.

Finally, our team places great importance on the Fellow's career and professional development. The Fellow will not only be working alongside three current and former Fellows, but in an office with a rich history of taking aboard and mentoring Fellows, and fully integrating them into the office environment and culture. The Fellow will be encouraged to take time to engage in networking and professional development activities beyond their day-to-day responsibilities, in order to emerge from their time in the Whitehouse office with the requisite knowledge, skills, and relationships for their next career step. Previous Whitehouse office Fellows have gone on to work for high-impact environmental organizations, leading D.C. think-tanks, private industry, and even come back to work as legislative staff in the Whitehouse office.

Expertise Desired

The Senator's "Green Team" is a fast-paced, collaborative, and mutually supportive team. The Fellow is expected to be diligent, responsible, discreet, enthusiastic, efficient, and organized. Though we often work together, the Fellow should also be comfortable working independently and eventually leading on projects. Particular experience or expertise in marine debris and plastic pollution, international marine policy (including IUU fishing and labor rights at sea, among other topics), coastal resiliency, New England issues, fisheries management, FEMA/flood risk management, and/or advanced ocean monitoring technologies is a plus.

Day In the Life

Our office offers a healthy mix of both "High Level" and "Ground Level" work. In some instances, for example, the Fellow may be required to provide a high-level overview of an issue or policy area for the Senator prior to a hearing or event. Other times, and particularly when developing and introducing new legislation (which we will be doing a lot of this year), the Fellow will need to thoroughly understand the details of an issue area, often through meetings with stakeholders and through the support of the Congressional Research Service. We strive to give the Fellow a mix of both high- and ground-level work, tailored to their interests.

COVID Policies

We are all teleworking until COVID improves. While the situation is fluid, we can offer flexibility to the Fellow if we eventually transition back to in-person work.

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes

Position ID

L21-19

Office

Representative John Sarbanes

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Maryland

Relevant Committee Membership

Energy & Commerce; Oversight & Reform

Mentor

Dr. Timia Crisp

Portfolio Summary

Congressman Sarbanes seeks a fellow to join his personal office. A fellow in this office would work primarily with the Legislative Director to support the Congressman's energy, environment and natural resources portfolio, including his work on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and as co-chair of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Task Force. The fellow will have the opportunity to assist with other legislative issues as well. Work in this office will include preparing the Congressman for hearings and briefings, drafting and introducing legislation, meeting with constituents, writing talking points, speeches, letters and memos, and generally supporting the operations of the office.

Expertise Desired

The interested candidate should have strong written and verbal communication skills, an ability to manage competing priorities, and an eagerness to learn. The office has and values a strong team dynamic and is looking for a fellow that can complete projects independently and work collaboratively as part of the team to meet goals. Someone with a good sense of humor will do well.

Day In the Life

No two days in the office are the same. A day in the office could include participating in a staff meeting to discuss the legislative agenda and schedule for the week, meeting with the Legislative Director to prioritize projects and determine what support the fellow needs to be successful, preparing materials for a hearing or event the Congressman will participate in, making progress on an assignment (i.e., researching a policy idea, providing a recommendation related to cosponsoring a bill, drafting legislation), reviewing a press release, watching the House floor and corresponding with constituents (i.e., drafting a constituent response, emailing a constituent or meeting with them virtually).

COVID Policies

Our office is currently working under a maximum telework policy until otherwise directed by the Office of the Attending Physician. Our office will onboard fellow virtually and provide them with necessary work equipment to be successful in our office.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-20

Office

House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented**Relevant Committee Membership****Mentor**

Jennifer Wickre

Portfolio Summary

The House Science, Space, and Technology Committee Republicans are looking for a fellow that can work with the Environment, Research & Technology, and Space Subcommittees on issues related to its jurisdiction over NOAA, NSF, and NASA, in particular the areas of ocean science, atmospheric science, climate, and weather. The fellow will work with the policy leadership and professional staff of those subcommittees to prepare for committee hearings, including conducting research and writing hearings memos and interviewing potential witnesses. The fellow will also assist policy staff in researching and writing legislation. Issues that will be likely priorities for the House Science Committee this year that the Fellow may work on include, ocean health and harmful algal blooms, Arctic science programs, weather and climate infrastructure and related STEM education programs. The fellow will report to Jennifer Wickre, Republican Deputy Staff Director, who oversees all policy for the Committee, as well as Brent Blevins, the Senior Policy Advisor for Environment and Space.

Expertise Desired

An ideal fellow would be a self-starter with a good sense of humor, who is able to work collaboratively with other policy staff. The office will likely still be in semi remote-work posture for part of the year due to the pandemic, so an ability to work from home effectively is ideal. Those with interdisciplinary research and/or policy experience would be preferred for exploring policy issues that cross science agencies.

Day In the Life

The fellow should expect, at least for the beginning of their fellowship to be working primarily from home, with the option of voluntarily coming into the office on a limited basis (The Science Committee minority has individual offices for each staffer in the Ford House Office Building, and has procedures to ensure a safe working environment during the pandemic). During this work from home posture, the office holds a daily morning staff call M-F, to check in and hear what each subcommittee is working on and discuss the agenda for the day/week/month. Throughout the day, staff have break out meetings on Microsoft Teams, phone or text, to collaborate on legislative or policy projects. Policy staff also have regular virtual briefings and meetings through the week with agencies and outside stakeholders. During

weeks Congress is in session, the Committee is likely to have at least one hearing per Subcommittee. Policy staff may each expect to be in working on at least 1-2 hearings a month, which for now will be either held virtually or a combination of in-person and virtual. While working from home will have its challenges, particularly for a new team member, we have a staff of 12, who all enjoy working with each other and enjoy what they do, which has made the transition to work from home successful and productive.

COVID Policies

Per my description of the "day in the life" of the office, tele-work is our default posture for the office for the foreseeable future. Staff do have the option of working from the office if they choose, but it is 100% voluntary, and the number of staff in the office at one time are limited and must wear masks outside of their individual office.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-21

Office

Representative Steven Palazzo

Chamber

House

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

Mississippi

Relevant Committee Membership

House Committee on Appropriations- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies subcommittee

Mentor

Courtney Stevens

Portfolio Summary

Congressman Palazzo represents the 4th district of Mississippi and is the senior Republican Congressman in the state. His district includes the entire Mississippi Gulf coast. His DC office consists of 6 staff, Ole Miss Space Law fellow and seasonal interns. We each play our own important role in the office, but frequently bounce ideas and chat back and forth regarding projects and initiatives. While we all independently communicate with the staff in our district offices throughout the week, we start every week with a conference call so we can remain aware of the going's on in the district and let them know our priorities here in Washington, DC. We hope to welcome a fellow into the office that can contribute, and amplify, our collective office efforts around several topics.

The fellow will be part of the legislative team and focused on aquaculture, fisheries conservation strategies, maritime economy, and coastal zone management. While these issues will be the focus of the fellow's work generally, this is a unique opportunity as the fellow will have opportunities to set their own priorities and work on issues of interest to them personally. Our legislative staff work on policy initiatives as a team and coordination on projects of interest that overlap with other portfolios (ex. Coast Guard, United States Army Corps of Engineers, etc.) is encouraged. We welcome new creative ideas or ways to improve and grow what already exists!

Because of the Congressman's role on the Appropriations Committee, a significant amount of the fellow's work will focus on the Appropriations process, specifically regarding funding for Commerce/NOAA. The fellow will assist with developing the Congressman's funding priorities for fiscal year 2022, prepare questions and staff budget hearings, and work with Committee to formulate the FY22 spending package.

The Fellow will also assist in drafting speeches, press releases, briefing memos, oversight letters, and other materials as needed. The selected individual should expect significant interaction in the form of meetings (phone calls, Zoom, etc.) with university researchers in Mississippi, the Gulf of Mexico recreational and commercial fishing industry, federal agencies, and several non-profit organizations. The fellow will have opportunities to travel to Mississippi and accompany the Congressman on visits that are relevant to the portfolio.

The fellow will directly report to Courtney Stevens, Legislative Director, who is under the purview of Chief of Staff, Patrick Large.

Expertise Desired

A successful candidate will be creative, demonstrate strong communication skills, and be capable of learning quickly while working as part of a team. The candidate should possess a desire to work on a wide array of issues as described above. In addition, the candidate will have excellent research, writing and organizational skills, with an ability to prioritize, meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced office, and most importantly a sense of humor. 😊

Day In the Life

The day-to-day in our office, and on the Hill in general, varies and requires the flexibility to go with the flow. COVID has put an additional twist to our “usual” day to day as we still do not allow in person meetings with constituents, interest groups, and others. As the new Congress ramps up and Appropriations season starts, a fellow should expect to participate in virtual meetings, to write memos on bills or other issues, to produce materials for Appropriations hearings and attend them with the Congressman, to work on legislation introduced by the Congressman by adding cosponsors and utilize available Congressional resources to research portfolio issue areas.

COVID Policies

Our office followed the guidelines issued by the CDC and the Office of Attending Physician and transitioned to telework in the Spring of 2020. During the latter half of the year, our office would rotate staff working in the office while the Congressman was in DC/the House was in session. We have been sensitive to health concerns and work to maintain that. All our staff is equipped with laptops and cell phones to work remotely. As I’m aware that everyone is different, it is my intention to work with the fellow to determine what is the best for them and their health.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-22

Office

Senator Lisa Murkowski

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

Alaska

Relevant Committee Membership

Appropriations, Indian Affairs, Energy & Natural Resources

Mentor

Ann Robertson

Portfolio Summary

The Sea Grant fellow in Senator Murkowski's office will have opportunities to work on a broad array of ocean, fishery, climate-related, and environmental issues that are priorities for Alaska and the nation. Alaska is the nation's largest state and has the longest coastline, which supports the biggest commercial fishing economy in the nation and important Tribal and recreational/sport fisheries. Relevant issues in the ocean portfolio range from marine mammals and Alaska Native subsistence to federal fisheries management, Arctic science, seafood trade, the blue economy, and many others. Because of Senator Murkowski's role on the Appropriations Committee, a significant amount of the fellow's work will focus on the Appropriations process, developing the Senator's FY22 funding priorities for NOAA and other agencies. The fellow will play a central role in the Senator's work leading the bipartisan Senate Oceans Caucus, and will have the flexibility to develop or propose legislation and plan caucus programming and briefing events. As a member of the Senator's "Team Ocean," the fellow will staff the Senator's meetings with fisheries or ocean-related constituent groups, including environmental organizations, seafood companies, commercial fishermen's associations, and Alaska Native tribes, as well as to prepare memos, remarks, policy analyses, correspondence with cabinet officials, and to generally keep Senator Murkowski briefed and up to date on ocean- and fishery-relevant legislation and regulatory efforts. Pending the status of office travel policies, our office stresses the importance of getting the fellow up to Alaska for visits that are relevant to the oceans portfolio. The fellow will report to the Deputy Chief of Staff, and be supervised by the Legislative Assistant responsible for the fisheries and oceans portfolio.

Expertise Desired

Familiarity with or experience in Alaska is a plus, but not a requirement. Relevant experience for a fellow in the Murkowski office would include: climate change impacts on oceans chemistry and biology, environmental policy and major statutes, federal fishery regulation, Arctic issues, and/or seafood trade, traceability, and marketing. We value fellows who have a familiarity with some of the issues that are unique to Alaska, like tribal subsistence and rural/remote communities. The fellow should be capable of integrating into a small team and communicating with team members to accomplish specific goals and

meet required deadlines, but also be able to work independently on specific issues where the fellow may be given more leadership or autonomy. As COVID is still a concern, we expect a fellow to be able to work remotely as needed and will provide support/assistance to get a fellow started in a telework capacity.

Day In the Life

It's hard to describe a typical day in Senator Murkowski's office. A Fellow can expect to participate in meetings with Alaskans; stakeholder groups with an interest in ocean, fishery, or climate issues; other Congressional offices to advance shared interests or priority legislation; and other staff within the office that cover complementary topics in their portfolios. The Fellow will also be responsible for staffing the Senator (remotely during COVID) during meetings with constituents, federal officials, or other Senators, as well as during relevant Committee Hearings that the Senator is participating in. Once the telework policy is lifted (fingers crossed!) there will be many more opportunities for the Fellow to participate in events on the Hill: policy briefings, professional development, and networking events. For travel to Alaska, the Office will work to make sure the Fellow has opportunities to meet with Alaskans, get outdoors, and experience the very best of our great state.

COVID Policies

The Office of Senator Lisa Murkowski is currently requiring staff to telecommute on a temporary basis in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic. The Office strongly encourages the Sea Grant Fellow to take all steps suggested by the CDC and other health authorities to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including social isolation, if necessary. This telework policy is temporary, and the Office will discontinue it when the Office deems appropriate, based on available guidance. Access to the Office will be limited until the telework policy is lifted. However, staff may come into their official duty station to retrieve materials or other items then need to perform their official duties at their Alternative Workplace. The Fellow will be provided with a Senate cell phone and laptop in order to fulfill their official duties. The Fellow will be required to sign an official Telework Agreement stipulating where the Fellow will be teleworking from (i.e. their residence) and acknowledging the requirements of the Office telework policy. The "Alternative Workplace" identified in the agreement is the only approved alternative workplace for purposes of the Fellow's telework, but if the Fellow needs to telecommute from a different location, then, prior to beginning to telecommute from that different location, that staff member must receive authorization from the Office to make the different location their approved Alternative Workplace. Fellow's work hours will remain unchanged from the normal work hours of the Office. Fellow's work hours are 9:00 am to 6:00 pm EDT (when the Senate is in Session), Monday through Friday, with a daily one-hour break for lunch. Fellow is expected to work 40 hours per week. The Fellow understands and agrees that s/he may be required to work hours and/or days in addition to those mentioned above. Should staff be considered essential for support to the Senator or management team, they may be called in to provide in person staffing on an as needed basis. This will be kept to a minimum and staffer will be contacted directly by Chief of Staff or Legislative Director.

Able to host a Foreign National

No

Position ID

L21-23

Office

Senator Brian Schatz

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Hawaii

Relevant Committee Membership

Commerce, Science, & Transportation - Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather
Committee on Appropriations - Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee
Democratic Special Committee on the Climate Crisis – Chair
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Aff

Mentor

James Chang

Portfolio Summary

Appropriations, Authorization, and External Engagement: Oceans, fisheries, and science, with an emphasis on coastal conservation, site-based management, ghost gear, and aquaculture. General environmental advocacy. Depending on interest: agriculture.

Expertise Desired

The Schatz office would like to collaborate with a fellow to: take action on sustainability and resilience; assist with NOAA, NSF, and NASA appropriations; analyze ocean and science legislation; engage the stakeholder communities in DC and Hawai'i. We expect the fellow to take ownership of select projects, so self-starters with strong writing and strategic communication skills will have an advantage. In return, we offer professional development and mentoring through a broad array of tasks: memos to analyze issues and recommend action, discussions/negotiations with other Congressional offices, and opportunities to staff the Senator in the Commerce Committee and Appropriations Committee processes. You will undertake these tasks to support a principled, practical, and highly intelligent member with a long history of prioritizing climate action and environmental protection.

Day In the Life**FELLOWSHIP THEMES**

Fellow Portfolio – Fellow's signature legislative project; appropriations; work on past fellow projects.

Constituent Service – Help people in Hawaii get results from the federal government.

Meetings – Hawaii constituents; staff counterparts; agency leadership; lobbyists and professional organizations

Professional Development – Discuss short- and long-term career goals; develop a supporting portfolio; mentor insights on strategy, tactics, and impacts.

THEMES IN ACTION

You start the day with email, news, and caffeine of choice. James calls to check in on projects and overnight developments in Hawaii. Good news! If you work quickly, Hawaii colleagues can wake up to an email that answers their question. You start the research while James reads that draft you sent him. As you finish, James's calls you again: "This is a good start!" You're on the right track, and he's got feedback to improve your product. The best way to learn to draft is by doing it, so James has assigned you a piece of legislation that will be a centerpiece of your fellowship year. Then there's a call with an out-of-state coastal restoration group, where you respectfully learn their priorities. James is training you to take meetings like this on your own. Next: a call with NOAA Fisheries leadership on that observer issue you researched; they agree to the Senator's request, but you'll have to follow up. Finally, there's "Legislative Planning," with the Senator to discuss a bill idea—something that you and James came up with while working with another team—maybe infrastructure or climate. Collaboration is an expectation in the office, and it leads to great opportunities to learn and grow.

COVID Policies

100% Telework; full suite of equipment

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes

Position ID

L21-24

Office

Senator Gary Peters

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Democrat

State Represented

Michigan

Relevant Committee Membership

Chairman of the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee and serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Commerce Science and Transportation Committee, and the Joint Economic Committee.

Mentor

Catherine Barrett

Portfolio Summary

In the U.S. Senate, Michigan Democratic Senator Gary C. Peters has worked consistently with members of both political parties to find commonsense, bipartisan solutions for Michigan, and has been recognized as one of the most effective lawmakers in the Senate.

Within our office an incoming Sea Grant Knauss fellow would serve as the primary staffer on ocean, coastal and fisheries issues under the supervision of the Senator's Chief Counsel Catherine Barrett. Additionally, the fellow will help advance the Senator's legislation and oversight relating to climate science, resilience, and Great Lakes protection – all of which are expected to continue to be top priorities for Senator Peters in the 117th Congress. Depending on the Fellow's background and interests, there are ample additional areas of opportunity for engagement, and we encourage and enable our Fellows to take on projects that are both personally and professionally meaningful to the Fellow. By way of example, our last Fellow took a leading role coordinating the first ever Congressional hearing on the issue of emerging toxic contaminants known as PFAS, and later staffed Senator Peters personally for a follow up field hearing in state.

Responsibilities will include research, reviewing pending legislation, drafting new legislation, authoring memos to advise the Senator on policy developments or obtain his views, drafting letters, and remotely meeting with constituents. Fellows should expect daily (virtual) interaction with both Michigan and nationally based stakeholders.

Expertise Desired

Fellows need not have a specific area of expertise. We'll be interested in candidates with the following traits: strong intellectual curiosity, sense of humor, the ability to work well with all others, an interest in the Great Lakes and/or climate change and clean energy policy, and a passion for public service.

Day In the Life

These days our staff are primarily working from home, and we will continue to do so until it is safe to resume office operations (which is admittedly uncertain for the foreseeable future). Staff work remotely from 9am-6pm when Congress is in session and 9am-5pm when it is out of session (when Members are in their home states working). We have a standing weekly all-staff call Monday mornings, and short legislative team check-ins Monday, Wednesday and Friday, typically not more than 15 minutes long. These phone calls are used as time to update us on potential legislation or nominations that will be coming to the floor this week as well as discuss pending legislation, strategy, or decisions that we seek the Senator's feedback on.

In the 117th Congress Senator Peters will be Chairman of the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee and serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Commerce Science and Transportation Committee, and the Joint Economic Committee. These Committee assignments will afford him – and by extension our fellow – multiple opportunities to advance important legislation and oversight, and we'll look forward to discussing his work in more detail during Fellow interviews.

COVID Policies

Our office is primarily teleworking amidst COVID-19, our Fellow should plan to telework until such time as it may be safe to resume in-person Senate operations safely. Our office is also mindful that many staff and potentially Fellows may be juggling family obligations - including children at home - amidst the pandemic; we'll work with our Fellow to ensure a safe and effective Fellowship environment and schedule based on the Fellow's needs.

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes

Position ID

L21-25

Office

Senator Don Young

Chamber

Senate

Political Affiliation

Republican

State Represented

Alaska

Relevant Committee Membership

Former Chairman - Natural Resources Committee, Potential Ranking Member - Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, Former Chairman - Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

Mentor

Jesse von Stein

Portfolio Summary

The Fellow will cover a broad portfolio of Oceans, Fisheries, Marine Mammals, and other related issues for the Congressman. They'll also be responsible for the Congressman's work as Co-Chair of the Oceans Caucus and Wild Salmon Caucus. They will staff him for any related meetings, virtual or otherwise, that he'll participate in providing relevant information and memos. This extends to any Committee hearings under the portfolio. For the 117th Congress a big focus will be updating and re-authorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Act, which the Congressman originally worked on back in the day and has helped re-authorize multiple times. As an aside, he'd tell you that it was him and Gerry Studds, a Democrat from Massachusetts, that initially worked on it in the House so it should be the Young-Studds Act, a much funnier name. About 60% of the nation's seafood harvest comes from Alaska so it's a critical industry to the state and region. There are also coastal erosion issues and the Arctic is going to be an increasingly important area as it continues to open. The office provides a lot of latitude and flexibility to all staff and that would extend to the Fellow. You'll learn a lot about the unique challenges Alaska faces and innovative ideas they've come up with, but also how you might be able to help them. For instance, our last Fellow had two hydroelectric project bills signed into law and she helped shepherd a Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization through the House. Maybe you'll be the one to help get it through the Senate. You will have the science and our role will be to help you navigate the legislative process.

Expertise Desired

I think the most important trait is willingness and capacity to learn and grow along with the office. The Congressman has been serving the state of Alaska since 1973 and he'll be the first one to tell you the best part of the job is getting to learn new things along with working to help someone solve a problem. We have people from all kinds of different backgrounds, so we just need the Fellow to be a team player at the end of the day. We hired our last Fellow after her Fellowship ended and she was a great addition getting multiple bills signed into law. Congress is the place for an open and hungry mind. You end up

with a lot of individual responsibilities and work, but collaboration often becomes key, either with other staff, the Committee, or an outside group in order to get things done.

Day In the Life

With Alaska four hours behind the DC office opens at 9:30 am which gives staff a nice buffer in the morning for traffic to recede or just to get ready for your day. Of course the activities of the week are determined by whether or not the House is in session. In a session week all the legislative staff reviews what's on the schedule under their portfolio and adds it to a common drive document for the Congressman. Those responsible for Committee work check on any hearings that week and compile another document. Legislative staff also compile a report on what they did the previous week or recess period. This includes bills introduced or cosponsored, letters written or joined, and Caucus activity on the Congressman's behalf. At that point everyone's day depends on their role. You might be preparing material with the Committee to get the Congressman ready for a hearing or working with an interest group to develop legislation for a future one. In normal times, you would be staffing the Congressman when he meets with a group from Alaska in your portfolio area, but those have become virtual. I think one of the best parts about the office is the trust we put in each individual to be responsible for themselves and their work instead of micromanaging them, but also that we are there to help one another figure things out when there is a question. The Congressman himself is accessible every day which is not that case in a lot of offices. You can pop in about anytime you have a question or issue come up. He's seen and done a lot representing Alaska since 1973 so is a wealth of knowledge for the history of an issue and also the institution of Congress itself. Additional activities include writing constituent letters in your policy areas for Alaskans that have written in about a topic. At the beginning of the week we also usually have a staff meeting at 4:00 pm on Monday to go over the week's schedule and make sure everyone is aware of what's happening and what to expect. I found in other offices they haven't been as open to sharing information, but that is not an issue here. During COVID-19 that meeting has been replaced by a brief Noon telephone call. The call is scheduled every day but it is often skipped if there is nothing important to bring up. On Tuesday we do a Noon Zoom conference call to catch up as well and check-in with everyone, often including out state staff. In a recess week, things are a bit more relaxed with the Members gone and it's a good time to catch up on work you had to put off due to other priorities. That could be working with the Press Secretary on a release to highlight the work you did the previous week or scheduling a time to get to know colleagues in other offices better to try and work together. You get this ebb and flow between an intense legislative week to one where you can catch your breath and get ready for the next session. When the Congressman is in Alaska we provide him with memos for groups he's meeting with just to keep him up to date. You also get to go to Alaska, which is important to see first-hand, especially if you aren't from there. The size, scope, and challenges of the state make it incredibly unique. The "district" is about two and a half states of Texas with more coastline than the continental United States, 3 million lakes, and hundreds of communities disconnected from the road system. It's a lot to figure out and represent, but the challenge is part of the fun. Certainly, many things have changed with COVID-19 so there has been a lot more virtual meetings and phone calls to keep the place running and stay connected to the people he represents.

COVID Policies

Last March when the first case was detected for Congressional staff we immediately closed down our office and switched to teleworking for April, May, and June. In July when the Members returned we switched to a split schedule with half the office coming in every other day when the Boss was in. There were other periods of full telework once the Congressman was gone again, returning to the split schedule when necessary. We're currently operating on that schedule, teleworking every other day. My assumption is that once everyone is vaccinated we'll be back in full time. We wear masks when moving

around the office, but not alone at our desk. We have scheduled times to wipe down surfaces around the office and had plexiglass installed in the front office between the desk and visitors. We take the health and safety of staff very seriously and are open to accommodating individuals if they have reasons to telework full time until it is safer to come in.

Able to host a Foreign National

Yes