

VASEM selects the 2022 cohort of COVES Policy Fellows

Richmond, VA - April XX, 2022 - The [Virginia Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine \(VASEM\)](#) is excited to announce the third cohort of [Commonwealth of Virginia Engineering and Science \(COVES\) Policy Fellows](#). The fellowship will begin on May 23, 2022 and conclude on August 12, 2022.

The COVES Policy Fellowship aims at strengthening the ties between the scientific community and the Virginia state government by placing fellows in various host offices throughout Virginia. Host offices include legislative offices, executive agencies, and prominent companies and nonprofits. Fellows will gain hands-on public service and policymaking experience by serving as science advisors for their host office and performing relevant tasks such as researching, drafting, and revising relevant policies.



VASEM is pleased to welcome 15 fellows to the 2022 cohort. The fellows were selected from a competitive applicant pool of graduate students in STEM-H fields at participating Universities in Virginia. The fellows will begin the program with a bootcamp to learn about Virginia government, science policy, and science communication. Over the 12-week program, the fellows will work on a variety of science policy issues in Virginia with their host offices. Their work will be showcased at a convocation event hosted by VASEM at the conclusion of the program.

Congratulations to the [2022 COVES Policy Fellows](#):

- Amit Seal Ami - PhD Computer Science, William & Mary
- Jennifer Bertollo - PhD Clinical Science, Virginia Tech
- Denise Daniels - MS Computer Science, Virginia State University
- Frankie Edwards - PhD Translational Biology, Medicine, & Health, Virginia Tech
- Alissa Ganser - PhD Fish & Wildlife Conservation, Virginia Tech
- Xu Han - PhD Information Science & Technology, George Mason University
- Nathan Holland - PhD Mechanical Engineering, Old Dominion University
- Alie Lepp - PhD Environmental Sciences, University of Virginia
- Kyle Mason - PhD Health Psychology, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Elena Meyer - PhD Integrative Life Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Nicholas Minster - PhD Bioinformatics & Computational Biology, George Mason University
- Lacey Savage - MS Electronics Engineering, Norfolk State University
- Casie Slaybaugh - PhD Biomedical Engineering, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Hazel Sun - PhD Chemical Biology, University of Virginia
- Yezi Yang - PhD Geosciences, Virginia Tech

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