NATIONAL ACADEMIES *Sciences Engineering Medicine*

2026 Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Application Preview

Eligibility

*Please select **Save** to submit your fellowship eligibility responses.*

Applicant Information

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Preferred Name (if different from name listed upon account setup):

Email Address:

Attendance

I am able to attend the full 12-week program in-person in Washington, D.C. from March 2 - May 22, 2026.:

Education

Are you a current graduate student pursuing a terminal degree (e.g., Ph. D, M.D., etc.) in any discipline within the sciences, engineering, or medicine (including the social sciences)?:

Are you in the dissertation phase of your program (i.e., being in the late stages of your program and not be required to attend courses during the Fellowship period)?:

Have you completed your terminal degree within the last five (5) years (i.e., on or after November 1, 2019) in any discipline within the sciences, engineering, or medicine (including the social sciences)?

What type of degree are you pursuing or did you complete?:

A terminal degree is the highest level of education or academic credential that can be achieved in a particular field or discipline. Usually, this means students pursuing a PhD, JD, MBA, or MD. Please note that applicants with master's degrees are generally not eligible unless the degree is considered terminal in a technical or specialized field. If you believe your master's degree may fit this criteria, please provide a detailed explanation in the eligibility notes section below. :

Do you exceed the 5-year limit due to caregiving leave or military service? :

U.S. Residence

Note: If selected, international applicants must provide copies of visa documents with their offer acceptance.

I am based in the United States and do not require visa sponsorship from the National Academies in order to remain in the U.S. during the program dates. :

Which best describes your current citizenship or immigration status?:

Please confirm your understanding of this information:

Applicants who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents must hold one of the following visas covering the full program dates and submit proof of necessary CPT/OPT or other approval by their visa officer by February 2, 2026:

- *F-1 Students using CPT (Curricular Practical Training)*
- *F-1 Students using OPT (Optional Practical Training)*
- *J-2 Dependents*
- *J-1 Students using academic training*
- *J-1 Research Scholars with written approval of their Responsible Officer*
- *DACA recipients*
- *Adjustment Applicants, Refugees, Asylees, and Selected other visa classes*

*If selected for the Fellowship, you will be asked to provide additional information about your eligibility to participate under your current visa status. **We recommend consulting with your department and/or international student services office to confirm your ability to participate per their requirements.***

Please note that Fellows may not participate in the Fellowship under the following visa programs: H-1B, TN, B-1, B-2. :

Eligibility Notes

If your circumstances are unique and might be unclear in relation to our eligibility requirements, we encourage you to provide a detailed explanation of how you meet the criteria. This will assist our staff in making a well-informed and accurate determination.

Please share any comments or context that you would like reviewers to be aware of when evaluating your eligibility for the program.:

Funding Acknowledgement

I understand that this is an educational training program which provides a stipend of $11,000 to offset living expenses during the Fellowship period. It is not considered to be a scholarship, employment, or source of research funding.:

Applicant

Applicant Information

Home Address:

Home Address 2:

City / Town:

State / Territory:

If Other, please specify:

Country:

Zip / Postal Code:

Primary Phone Number:

Secondary Phone Number:

Statement of Interest

In 500 words or fewer, please answer the following questions:

- *Why are you interested in being a Mirzayan Fellow?*
- *How do you hope this experience will contribute to your career goals?*
- *What unique perspectives and/or personal experiences can you bring to discussions during the Mirzayan Fellowship?*
- *Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?*

Please review the selection criteria outlined on the How to Apply page of our website to ensure those criteria are addressed.:

Description of Policy Issue Interest

In 300 words or fewer, please tell us about a policy issue you are interested in or passionate about and why you think it

is an important issue. The topic does not need to align with your professional or educational experience.:

Biographical Information

Professional Profile

Short Biography::

LinkedIn or Personal Website URL::

Curriculum Vitae (PDF Format). Must not exceed 3 pages.::

What discipline(s) of science, engineering, or medicine are you trained in? (Check all that apply):

Other discipline, please describe::

Please select the sub-categories of your discipline(s) (check all that apply):

Are you currently a student?::

Current Academic Degree

Please share information about the degree you are currently pursuing below.

Current Graduate Degree Being Pursued:

If Other Current Graduate Degree Being Pursued, please specify.:

Field of Study:

Start Date:

Expected Date of Degree Completion:

Institution:

City / Town:

State / Province:

If Other State/Province, please specify:

Country:

Employment Status

What is your current employment status?:

What is your current title?:

What is your current primary organization or affiliation?:

Where is the organization or affiliation located? (City, State, Country):

If Not Employed or Other, Please describe.:

Previous Academic Degree

What is your highest degree completed? (Note: If you are a current student, please enter your most recent degree completed before the in-progress degree listed above)

Degree:

If Other degree, Please specify.:

Field of Study:

Start Date:

Date of Completion:

Institution where obtained:

City / Town:

State / Province:

If Other, please specify:

Country:

References

*To ensure delivery of the reference request, you may wish to ask your referees to add **MirzayanFellowship@nas.edu** to their contacts, email address book, or safe senders list.*

Reference #1

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Organization:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Reference Document (max 2 pages):

Relationship to the Applicant:

If Other, please specify:

Reference #2

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Organization:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Reference Document (max 2 pages):

Relationship to the Applicant:

If Other, please specify:

National Academies Placement Information

Policy Interests

Please review the list of topic areas for National Academies work and check the three terms that best apply to your policy interests. This information will later be referenced while matching you with potential host units within our organization, so please consider choices that fit the areas you most want to work in.
(Choose 3):

- *Food, Nutrition & Agriculture*
- *Health Systems & Services*
- *Social & Economic Systems*
- *Health & Biomedical Sciences*
- *Life Sciences*
- *Natural Resources*
- *Science & Engineering Education & Workforce*
- *Systems & Infrastructure*
- *Science, Technology, Law & Policy*
- *Computing and Cyber Infrastructure*
- *Physical Sciences*
- *Defense & Intelligence Infrastructure*
- *International Networks, Cooperation, & Security*
- *Strategy & Engagement*

Please add any additional context you would like to share about your preferred placement topic areas.:

Demographics

All responses provided are stored in a secure location and will only be accessible to authorized National Academies staff for anonymized statistical use. Answers to these questions will not be shared with reviewers.

How did you hear about the Mirzayan Fellowship?

Please check all that apply:

If Other, please specify:

Please share more detail about how you heard of the Fellowship (i.e. who told you? What social media platform did you see it on?, etc.):

Age Range

This data is voluntary and for internal use only.

What will your age be on the start date of the fellowship (March 2, 2026)? Select one::

International Background

We are interested in engaging U.S.-based international professionals through the Mirzayan Fellowship Program to include global perspectives where possible. In addition to the United States, do you have another international background you consider to be part of your identity? :

Other, please specify.:

Please specify country.:

Additional Information

Please use this space to share anything else about yourself - your background, or life experiences - that you believe would help us better understand your application.:

Confirm

Submission and Certification

I certify that all of the information submitted with my application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, I agree to provide proof of the information I have given. I understand and agree that any misrepresentation, or false or misleading information or omission of any material

information may be cause for not considering my application.:

I understand that the Mirzayan Fellowship will be held in-person in Washington, D.C.. If selected, I confirm that I am available to attend the full 12-week program from March 2 – May 22, 2026 and can participate full-time (37.5 hours/week).: