

### Seize a Unique Opportunity

Broaden your perspective of science and technology policy and practice in the Federal government, gain valuable career experience and, as a ComSci Fellow, extend your professional network beyond the limits of your agency.

The U.S. government operates, by far, the largest science and technology research effort in the world, and Federal S&T policy affects our lives on a daily basis. The Commerce Science and Technology Fellowship (ComSci) Program gives senior level Executive Branch employees an opportunity to view this enterprise from a wide and rich perspective and to study national and international issues that drive the development, application, and management of policy. ComSci Fellows gain hands-on learning experience and exposure to:

- technology innovation as a source of national and international economic growth;
- the relationship of science and technology to government policies on economics, trade, education, and fiscal matters;
- the organization of scientific and technological activities in the Federal Government; and
- the technical activities that exist in agencies across the government, thereby motivating and encouraging the development of cooperative endeavors and programs.

ComSci is a government-wide program sponsored by the [U.S. Department of Commerce](#), managed and administered by the [National Institute of Standards and Technology](#).

### Program Options to Meet Your Professional Needs

#### 1. Full-time Program - With Work Assignment

A 10-month intensive and challenging work assignment in an Executive or Legislative Branch office (in the Washington Metropolitan Area) designed to provide participants with policy-making and program management experience. Participants from outside the Washington Metropolitan Area must relocate to participate in this program option.

Guidance and assistance in seeking one's full-time work assignment is provided to individuals who choose this program option.

Assignments are carefully selected after a review of the interests, qualifications, and developmental needs of each selected participant and are aligned with his or her specialty or competence.

#### 2. Part-time Program - Without Work Assignment

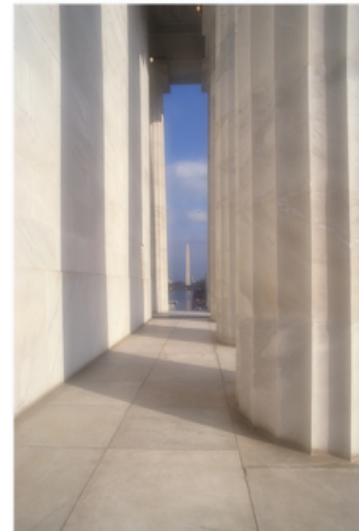
All the benefits of the full-time program with work assignment. Participants will continue working at their home agencies throughout the duration of the program. This option is best suited for those based in the Washington Metropolitan Area or who are able to commute on a weekly basis to participate in the ComSci Program seminars and site visits.

### A Full and Varied Schedule

Regardless of your program option, as a ComSci Fellow you will attend:

- Weekly seminars, lectures, conferences, special events, and interactions with senior officials from both the public and private sectors to explore the impact of government science and technology policies.

- Selected site visits within the Washington Metropolitan Area that provide study first-hand observation of scientific and technological institutions.
- Capitol Hill Week, a one-week orientation on the legislative process and the operations of Congress. Emphasis is placed on attitudes and actions regarding scientific and technical matters and the impact of Congressional policy on industry and commerce.
- A one-week policy study field trip within the continental United States that provides an in-depth opportunity to investigate academic, private sector, and government science and technology facilities in the chosen area.



### Who Is Eligible?

Candidates for the 2009-2010 ComSci Program must be career Federal Government employees (including the military) in a professional or management series at the GS -13 level (or equivalent) or above. Applicants for the ComSci Program are nominated by their respective agencies after going through an internal selection process that is determined by their agency. In general, nominations are based on the candidate's qualifications, accomplishments, and potential for career growth. Candidates must undergo an interview and evaluation process by the ComSci Program before final acceptance into the program.

### Costs

For *both ComSci Program options*, the tuition cost per participant is \$8,500. Tuition costs cover briefing materials, books, publications, weekly seminars, local site visits, and Capitol Hill Week.

For *both program options*, the one-week policy study field trip (estimated to cost approximately \$2,500)—as well as the salaries and benefits of the participants, and any relocation or weekly commuting costs—are borne by the participant's home agency. Travel costs associated with a full-time assignment are borne by the host agency.

### How to Apply

Applicants and agencies should consult the ComSci Web site ([www.comsci.gov](http://www.comsci.gov)) for dates, deadlines, and detailed nomination and application procedures. Applications for the 2009-2010 ComSci Program will be accepted online via the USAJOBS Web site ([www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)).

### Hosting a ComSci Fellow

The ComSci Program also seeks challenging assignments for incoming Fellows, who begin their program in September of each year. If your agency is interested in hosting a ComSci Fellow, please contact the ComSci Program at 301-975-8772 or [comsci@nist.gov](mailto:comsci@nist.gov). ComSci Fellows are placed in assignments without cost to the host office or agency ([www.comsci.gov/hosting.html](http://www.comsci.gov/hosting.html)).

To learn more, please visit [www.comsci.gov](http://www.comsci.gov), or call 301-975-8772.