



Kentucky Academy of Science Policy Specialist Position Announcement

KAS is seeking to contract a part-time Science Policy Specialist, beginning August 2026. This contract is for an average of 40 hours/ month at \$25/ hr, billable monthly.

Expenses will be reimbursed up to \$1000 annually (with additional expense reimbursements possible by prior arrangement).

This position reports directly to the Kentucky Academy of Science Executive Director. The Science Policy Specialist will work closely with the KAS Policy Committee through a 12-month duration of the contract. The Science Policy Specialist will carry out a work plan in collaboration with that team. The Science Policy Specialist will prepare reports quarterly for the KAS Governing Board. (February, May, August and November)

Responsibilities

- Coordinate closely with KAS member volunteers on the KAS Policy Committee
- Track local policy and bills through state legislative cycle and coordinate follow up actions and communications
- Attend or set up applicable meetings or phone calls with legislators and/or partner organizations, including traveling to Frankfort or elsewhere.
- Communicate with the Governor's Office and state agencies on science policy as needed
- Review, collect or produce science policy analyses on current topics
- Work collaboratively with members and volunteers of other organizations, committees, and groups engaged in science policy work, especially in Kentucky
- Serve as a point of contact for legislative inquiries from legislators, the Governor's Office, and other organizations.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate can facilitate committee meetings to incorporate diverse perspectives and expertise of members. They can lead training sessions. They have a strong interest and demonstrated experience in a STEM field (Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine and Math), and public policy research, analysis and/or advocacy. They are familiar with Kentucky state government and committed to promoting scientific evidence in public policy. BA/ BS minimum (MS preferred).

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume or CV to Amanda Fuller, KAS Executive Director, by EOD July 6, 2025. executivedirector@kyscience.org