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INVITATION ONLY: Policy Primer (March 2025)

The Policy Primer is a part-time, unpaid virtual program that teaches early to mid-career professionals how to impact policy. The program consists of a four-week policy bootcamp where participants learn the basics of policy structures and policy skills like how to write for policy. The bootcamp is followed by a one-week policy project where participants put their newfound policy skills to work on a real-world project.

Application deadline: January 8, 2025, at 11:59pm PT

Before applying, [please review the application materials and eligibility requirements on our website.](#)

Please confirm that the program listed below is the one you would like to apply to, then type your name and follow the prompts to complete and submit your application. If you're not able to complete the application in one sitting, you can save your progress and come back later.

Applicant first and last name*

Please confirm the following:

☐ I am 21 years of age or older.*

☐ By checking this box, you affirm that you speak and write fluent English.

☐ I can commit to the full 5-week training program, as outlined on the Policy Academy website.*

By checking this box, you confirm that you can commit to and will be available to participate in the full 5-week training program, from March 3-April 6, 2025. This includes approximately 10-12 hours a week of both "classroom" time, which will take place on a regular schedule, and outside work/project time that you will schedule independently and with your peers. For more details, visit aspempolicyacademy.org/policy-primer.

Please review all the materials on this page before filling out this form. You can save your answers using the button at the bottom of the form. To reduce your risk of losing your work, we recommend preparing your answers to any required essay questions in a separate program, and pasting them in before submission.

Why are you interested in joining the Policy Primer? We encourage you to explain how learning about impacting policy will help you achieve your long-term goals.* 300 words

Enter up to 300 words.

The President has committed to allocating \$5 million to a to-be-decided policy initiative that the federal government will undertake in the next year. The White House Chief of Staff invited you to pitch an initiative related to tech, science, climate, or social impact that this \$5 million should be used to fund. Lay out a concrete proposal to the Chief of Staff, in policy memo format, for what initiative the White House should pursue and exactly what problem it would solve. You are welcome to use headers, section headings, and other formatting items that you think will get your point across succinctly.* 750 words

Enter up to 750 words.

Tell us about a time that you invented something or created something unique. Feel free to use an example from either your personal or professional experience.* 100 words

Enter up to 100 words.

In 1-2 sentences, please tell us about your other time commitments during the 5 weeks of the program, and how you'd plan to make at least 10 hours a week available for this program.* 75 words

Enter up to 75 words.

The Policy Primer is for applicants with expertise in tech, science, climate, and social impact. Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Tech
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Climate
- ☐ Social impact

Please explain your expertise in the area(s) you selected above (tech, science, climate, and/or social impact).* 75 words

Enter up to 75 words.

We hope to select a class that is diverse across a number of dimensions. We especially welcome applicants who belong to groups underrepresented in the science, technology, and policy space, and who work directly with communities that face marginalization and/or who seek to tackle disparities around race and ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, and other aspects of diversity. How will you help achieve the program's diversity goals, in thought, being, or action?*

Enter up to 100 words.

How did you hear about the Aspen Policy Academy and/or our programs? Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ Aspen Institute
- ☐ An Aspen Policy Academy or Aspen Tech Policy Hub alum (please specify below)
- ☐ Partner organization of the Academy (please specify below)
- ☐ A colleague or friend
- ☐ A conference or event
- ☐ Aspen Policy Academy Newsletter
- ☐ Another newsletter
- ☐ Internet search
- ☐ Media (news outlet, podcast, etc.)
- ☐ LinkedIn
- ☐ ...

You may choose to submit a resume or a LinkedIn (or similar) profile. Please select which you'd like to submit.*

- ☐ I'd like to upload a resume.
- ☐ I'd like to link to my LinkedIn (or similar) profile.

Have you applied to a previous Aspen Policy Academy (or Aspen Tech Policy Hub) program?*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Have you participated in an Aspen Policy Academy (or Aspen Tech Policy Hub) programming before?*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Street address*

City*

State*

Country*

Zip code (optional)

If you live in the U.S., please list your zip code.

Phone number*

Please submit the names and contact information for two professional references. We will only contact references for finalists of the program.

Reference 1

Name*

Title and organization*

Email*

Phone number*

Relationship to you*

Reference 2

Name*

Title and organization*

Email*

Phone number*

Relationship to you*

To build a class that has a variety of lived experiences, we ask you to answer the following optional demographics questions. Your application will still be fully considered for our program if you decline to answer one or all of these questions.

To which gender do you most identify? Check all that apply. (optional)

- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Man
- ☐ Non-binary / third gender
- ☐ Other

To which racial or ethnic group(s) do you identify? Check all that apply. (optional)

- ☐ African American or Black
- ☐ American Indian, Native American, or Alaska Native
- ☐ Arab or Middle Eastern
- ☐ Asian, including South Asian
- ☐ Hispanic or Latina/o/x
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White or Caucasian
- ☐ Other

Are you a veteran, transitioning service member, or military spouse? Check all that apply. (optional)

- ☐ Veteran
- ☐ Transitioning service member
- ☐ Military Spouse

How do you identify politically? Check the one that you align with most closely. (optional)

- ☐ Socialist
- ☐ Progressive or liberal
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ Conservative
- ☐ Libertarian
- ☐ Other

☐ Do you identify as having a disability or chronic health condition (sensory, learning, mental, or physical)? If so, check this box. (optional)

☐ Do you identify as LGBTQ+? If so, check this box. (optional)

If you represent any other demographic categories of lived experience you'd like to flag for us, please (optional) 100
let us know here. words

Enter up to 100 words.