



Carter Stephen Ainsworth

Health Policy (Virtual) Summer Fellowship

American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Health Policy Interns work primarily with staff in the ASCP Institute for Science, Technology and Public Policy and receive hands-on experience and insight into the synergies of science, policy and practice in laboratory medicine.

The ASCP aims to influence public policy at all levels of government and within the private sector, and to serve as a catalyst for positive change. The ASCP Institute for Science, Technology and Public Policy creates resources and collaborates with federal agencies and other health care organizations on topics, such as quality medical practice, healthcare workforce, public health and more. ASCP is taking extra precautions with regards to COVID-19; therefore, this year's fellowship will be fully virtual.

Responsibilities

The Carter Stephen Ainsworth Health Policy Summer Fellowship offers students the opportunity to build and strengthen professional skills particularly in research, analysis, writing, organization and interpersonal communications. Interns conduct research and analysis to develop factsheets, issue briefs and other educational resources on a variety of issues. Other responsibilities may include attending relevant briefings and seminars, providing support for ongoing programs and assisting with committee and partner meetings. Please consult the position job description for complete details.

Qualifications

Current or recent undergraduate or graduate U.S. based students, medical student or Pathology resident are eligible for this Fellowship. ASCP fellowships are extremely beneficial to those seeking to acquire practical work experience in the above-mentioned areas. Candidates should be working toward a bachelors, graduate, or postgraduate degree, and all majors are welcome. Candidates should also have:

- Strong writing, research, and communication skills and a strong interest in health policy.
- Solid academic record.
- Must be pursuing a degree or a recent graduate. Undergraduate or Graduate Student.
- Must be available to intern for the entire Fellowship period which is 6 weeks.
- Prefer candidates who can work 37.5 hours per week, but we welcome all applicants.
- Pluses: Coursework in health and public policy, public health, political science, biology, laboratory medicine and economics.

Stipend

\$3,000 (pre-tax) for a six week fellowship

Process

Each fellowship begins and ends around the same time as the students' academic semester, giving them time to make the necessary preparations to transition into and out of the internship program. Below is a chart that outlines the application deadlines and timelines:

Application Deadline	May 1, 2026
Notification of Decision	May 15, 2026
Internship Dates	June 1 - July 10, 2026

Application Materials

Interested candidates should send a cover letter indicating dates of availability, resume, and the names and phone numbers of two references, plus a current writing sample using the [online application](#). Applications that do not have all the required documents will not be considered.

Questions should be directed to:

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Selection

Applications will be reviewed and scored by the ASCP Institute for Science, Technology and Public Policy staff under the direction of Jeff Jacobs, ASCP's Chief Officer for Science, Technology and Policy.



Carter Stephen Ainsworth
November 2, 1994 to November, 12, 2016

Carter Stephen Ainsworth was from Charleston, SC and attended Clemson University from 2012-2016 where he received a posthumous B.S. degree in Biology in May 2017. Carter excelled in his field of Biology at Clemson and earned a 4.0 in his major putting him on the President's list. The Clemson University President called Carter "A treasure to Clemson who will be sorely missed". Carter was an intern for the American Society for Clinical Pathology in Washington, DC where he worked on health policy and advocacy. He was excited about continuing his education by attending medical school and had planned to become a physician and continue to help others in health care in the future.