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What past Fellows had to say......

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-Ben Isaacoff
2018-2019 Congressional Fellow

“My year on the Hill took me from being an academic to being a Hill staffer working on science and technology policy full time. No other experience could have given me the firsthand experience with how Congress functions that this fellowship did, and it has opened up a whole world of career opportunities that were never accessible to me before. This fellowship has irrevocably changed my career for the better.”

-Tanya Das
2017-2018 Congressional Fellow