



## Colloquium on Science and Innovation Policy Research and Practice STUDENTS

SSTI, with financial support from NSF SciSIP, is hosting a Colloquium on Science and Innovation Policy Research and Practice connecting research and practice in science and innovation policy as part of [SSTI's 2016 Annual Conference](#), November 1-3, in Columbus, Ohio. Scholarships, including funds toward travel costs, are available to support 8-10 graduate students to participate in the conference and colloquium with the purpose of helping the students formulate new policy questions and directions for their research, interact with and interview practitioners to gather case studies and perspectives, and to observe the interplay of academic research with the policy and practitioner experience. Participation in certain events and the completion of a brief narrative are required of recipients. Apply at [ssticonference.org/registration](http://ssticonference.org/registration). *Applications accepted on a rolling basis.*

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### OPPORTUNITY

The Colloquium will provide a unique opportunity to cross fertilize the interests and needs of practitioners and SciSIP researchers with each other's perspectives, learnings, limitations and observations in a manner to spawn new directions and datasets for future SciSIP research and better regional innovation practice. Based on a competitive application process, 8-10 students at the Master's or Doctorate level will be selected to receive scholarships participate in the Colloquium. Selected students\* will receive:

- Complimentary registration to attend all of SSTI's 2016 Annual Conference, including educational plenaries, breakout sessions, networking receptions and meals;
  - Complimentary accommodations at the Hilton Columbus Downtown the nights of November 1 and 2;
  - \$750 stipend toward travel and related expenses for participation at the conference;
  - Unparalleled exposure to 300+ economic development practitioners, thought leaders, academic researchers, and science and technology policymakers from around the country;
  - Access to SSTI leadership and staff for expert advice on the field, guidance and introductions to relevant programs and practitioners attending the conference; and,
  - Opportunities to shape future research in the science and innovation policy and technology-based economic development spaces.
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### APPLICATION & QUESTIONS

Interested students can fill out an application under the special group section of [ssticonference.org/registration](http://ssticonference.org/registration). For more information or questions, contact SSTI's Jonathan Dworin at 614.901.1690 or [dworin@ssti.org](mailto:dworin@ssti.org).

*\*Unsuccessful applicants may attend the conference and colloquium at their own expense. SSTI is offering a student rate of \$250.*

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## EXPECTATIONS

Student scholars selected to receive the scholarship, accommodations and stipend support will be required to actively participate during the following events:

- **Colloquium's Opening Dialogue** (Nov. 1, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM) – A conversation about SciSIP research among active scholars and student participants.
- **SSTI's 2016 Annual Conference** (Nov. 1-3) – Including plenaries and breakout session panels with both academic researchers and practitioners discussing current practice.
- **Colloquium's Closing Dialogue** (Nov. 3, 1:30 PM-4:00 PM) – A discussion of conference lessons learned with active scholars and information on SciSIP Doctoral Dissertation grants.

Student scholars also are required to prepare **brief narratives** (2-4 pages) on their experience in the Colloquium and conference, providing their perspective on the value of the events and recommendations for future efforts.

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## CONTEXT

**SSTI** is the community for state, university, regional and federal innovation leaders—people working to create a climate where prosperity occurs organically through science, technology, innovation and entrepreneurship. SSTI believes the work of academic scholars has considerable value to contribute to the design of future innovation policy interventions. For example, more frequent direct conversations between SSTI's community of practitioners and academics researching SciSIP could help ensure the design of future research and datasets is of greater value for on-the-ground practice. Learn more at [ssti.org](http://ssti.org).

**SSTI's Annual Conference** draws practitioners, policymakers and decision makers responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating local and state-level policies and programs that directly contribute to the nation's competitiveness. Conference participants are likely to be active in one or more of these activities: operating seed and venture funds; leading innovation networks concentrated on specific industries; providing direct technical assistance for new and emerging businesses; and, focusing on economic development, sponsored research or technology commercialization for institutions of higher education. Learn more at [sticonference.org](http://sticonference.org).

**National Science Foundation (NSF) Science of Science & Innovation Policy program (SciSIP)** supports research designed to advance the scientific basis of science and innovation policy. The program funds research to develop models, analytical tools, data and metrics that can be applied in the science policy decision making process and concern the use and allocation of scarce scientific resources. For example, research proposals may develop models that have applications across the broad array of science and innovation policy challenges. Proposals that create and improve science, engineering and innovation data, particularly proposals that demonstrate the viability of collecting and analyzing data on knowledge generation and innovation in organizations, are encouraged. Learn more at [nsf.gov](http://nsf.gov).