

# GMU Science Policy Career Panel

Are you interested in learning how you, as a scientist, can directly affect policy-making?

Are you considering paths outside of the lab or academia but still want to have a role in shaping how science grows in the future?

Have you wondered about what other careers are available for those with analytical skills & STEM degrees?

Friday, April 2nd from 3-5 PM

If any of these questions speak to you, please come and listen to our joint science policy panel. The panel will feature six scientists who have transitioned to the government and the private sector to discuss how they still use their scientific skills to help shape draft policies that affect the nation. You will learn new career opportunities that require strong analytical skills you have developed while at Mason and can see the variety of available career options. This group of speakers has a diverse set of educational backgrounds and current employment but have all transitioned from science to policy and are eager to share their experiences with you! So, bring your questions Friday, April 2nd, at 3:00 PM. See you there!

**Register:** <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=VXKFnlffR0ygwAVGRgOAYxy4DhCqUR9Am2fVw4bi7I5UMDVaUUizWDBRTTVHSTBCN0NZWTVVRzM4Vy4u>



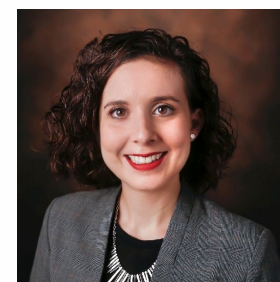
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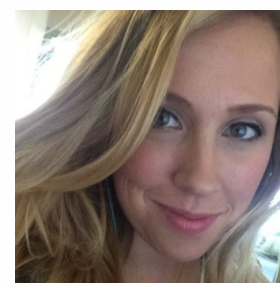
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