

Wedel, who heads the AAAS Office of Development.

Wedel, who notes that about 25% of members contribute when renewing membership, said that the funds account for some \$250,000 raised annually.

“Voluntary giving by members is significant because it signals to our other funders—corporations and foundations—that members care about our efforts to advance science,” Wedel said.

She noted that contributions received in this way range from \$10 to \$1000.

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sponsor fellows and run nationwide competitions to fill the positions under the AAAS effort include the Acoustical Society of America; American Geophysical Union; American Institute of Biological Sciences; American Institute of Physics; American Physical Society; American Psychological Association; and the American Society for Agronomy; Crop Science Society of

America; Soil Science Society of America; and the Weed Science Society of America.

Other sponsors of the program include the American Society for Microbiology; American Society of Mechanical Engineers; American Society of Plant Physiologists; American Veterinary Medical Association; Biophysical Society; Federation of American Societies of Food Animal Sciences; Geological Society of America; Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues; and the federal

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Fifty-seven scientists and engineers are beginning year-long assignments in the legislative and executive branches of the federal government under the 18th round of the AAAS Science and Engineering Fellowships Program.

More than 600 scientists and engineers have worked under the Washington fellowships since the first program was established in 1973.

The fellows, who represent a wide range of physical, biological, and social sciences as well as many fields of engineering, are assigned to contribute to federal efforts in science and science policy, based on their technical expertise, according to Claudia Sturges, who directs the program for AAAS.

Fellows are selected for one of three distinct programs in Washington:

■ **Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows**, who number 28 this year, serve on Capitol Hill in offices of members of Congress, on committee staffs, or in legislative support agencies such as the Office of Technology Assessment.

■ **Science, Engineering, and Diplomacy Fellows** serve in positions at the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) or at the U.S. Department of State. Twenty-one fellows are participating in the



*The 1990 Science and Engineering Fellows gather in front of the Capitol.*

program this year; an additional 15 fellows are beginning a second year in their positions under the diplomacy program's renewal option.

■ **Arms Control and National Security Fellows** serve in federal offices dealing with those issues; 15 such fellows have begun this year's program.

AAAS sponsors an umbrella program for all three groups of fellows that provides an orientation to policy-making in Washington when fellows first arrive, as well as a year-long series of seminars and gatherings to supplement the program's work experiences.

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For information about these and other fellowships offered by AAAS, contact AAAS Fellowship Office, Directorate for Science and Policy Programs, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005, or telephone 202-326-6600.

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