



Illini Science Policy Program

2024 SCHOLAR APPLICATION TEMPLATE

Application deadline: on or before March 24, 2023

Applications must include the following:

1. Completion of this document, the Scholar Application Template. This includes a personal statement that emphasizes the applicant's abilities and interests and the applicant's expectations of the program (no more than 1500 words combined)
2. Resume / curriculum vitae (two pages or less using 12-point font).
3. Two letters of professional recommendation, including one from the student's major professor. If no major professor exists, the faculty member who is most familiar with the applicant academically may be substituted.
4. Copies of graduate student transcripts. Unofficial copies will be accepted
5. Submit the application as one pdf to uie-connection@illinois.edu (*Application template, personal statement, vitae. Transcripts can be sent separately. Letters of reference must be sent separately.*)

Applicant Information

Illini Science Policy Scholar appointments are open for participation by graduate students completing an advanced degree (e.g. Masters, Doctoral, J.D.) from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign between **May 1, 2022 and Aug 31, 2023**.

If you are selected as a as part of the 2023-2024 ISP Scholar Cohort, proof of graduation between May 2022 – August 2023 is expected.

Personal information

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____

Degree information

Academic Program: _____ Degree: _____
Major advisor: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____

How did you hear about the Illini Science Policy Program?

_____ Former or current scholar, please let us know whom to thank, _____

_____ Former or current professor / employer, please let us know whom to thank, _____

_____ Social Media / Web Site

_____ Student or Campus Organization, please let us know which one to thank, _____

_____ Other, _____

Host Placement Information

Each selected host agency has prepared a project synopsis of the scope of work illustrating some of the work / projects their Scholar will be involved in over the 12-month period. Please take time to review each project and then indicate the host agency(ies) or legislative offices for which you would like to be considered as a potential 2024 ISPP Scholar. (Check all that apply)

Host profiles are located at: go.illinois.edu/ApplyISP under 2023-2024 Hosts.

State Agencies:

_____ Illinois Department of Agriculture, Division of Natural Resources

_____ Illinois Board of Higher Education, Early Childhood Equity Consortium

_____ Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology, Education Group

_____ Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, Office of Broadband

_____ *Illinois Emergency Management Agency (pending)*

Legislative Offices

_____ Illinois Legislative Black Caucus / Black Caucus Foundation

_____ Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus / Latino Caucus Foundation

_____ Illinois Office of the Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to a program match, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in termination of the match.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

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Personal Statements

- 1) *Why are you a good candidate for the Illini Science Policy Program? (300 words)*
- 2) *How does becoming an Illini Science Policy Scholar fit into your professional aspirations and career goals? Feel free to reference how placement in any state agency or legislative office would be a best fit for you. (300-450 words)*
- 3) *How will you contribute to Illinois Extension's mission and vision of supporting communities of Illinois as an ISPP Scholar? (300 words)*

*It is recommended that you review the host profiles on the Illini Science Policy Program Page to understand the appointments that are available under 2023-2024 Hosts at: go.illinois.edu/ApplyISP

To apply, send completed materials to uie-connection@illinois.edu