

# Jefferson Science Fellowship:20 years

**September 15, 2023**  
**National Academy of Science building**

9:00-9:30 am

**Networking Breakfast**

9:30-10:00 am

**Welcome and Introduction**

Elizabeth Prescott, Director, Fellowships Office, National Academies

Vaughan Turekian, Executive Director, Policy and Global Affairs Division, National Academies

10:00-10:45 am

**Keynote Address:** Fireside Chat with USAID Administrator Samantha Power

Moderator: Weslynnne Ashton, USAID 2018

10:45- 11:15 am

**Networking Coffee Break**

11:15-12:45 am

**Exploring Transformative Journeys: Fellowship Programs and Professional Growth**

Moderator: Mohamed Abdel-Kader, USAID Chief Innovation Officer and ITR Hub Director

Panelists:

Kevin Krizek, State Department 2021

Sonak Pastakia, USAID 2017

Jean Ristaino, USAID 2012

12:45-1:45 pm

**Lunch and Network**

1:45-3:15 pm

**Elevating Impact: Empowering USAID/State Mission through Professional**

**Growth and Research Excellence**

Moderator: Karen Lips, State 2016

Panelists:

Donald A. Friend, USAID 2019

Puru Jena, State Department 2007

Melinda Laituri, State Department 2014

3:15-3:30 pm

**Networking Coffee Break**

3:30-4:15 pm

**Charting Our Past and Forging Our Future**

Moderator: Allison Schwier, Acting Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State

Panelists:

George Atkinson, STAS 2003-2008

E. William Colglazier, STAS 2011-2014

4:15-4:30 pm

**Closing remarks**

Richard R. Verma, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources

4:30-6:30 pm

**Networking Reception**