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ISTPF 2026 Orientation Schedule

Monday, August 31, 2026

2:00-4:30PM MDT

Science and Technology Policy—History and Organization

Dr. Anna Quider, Principal, The Quider Group

Overview of the history, organization, and uses of science and technology policy in the United States, including the role of the White House, Congress, and federal agencies, as well as connection to Idaho.

Registration required: https://uidaho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oFm9FpwTRtyvDnMUdwAPMg

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

8:30-10:00AM MDT

Idaho's Political History

Dr. Sarah Robey, Associate Professor of History, Idaho State University

Dr. Stephanie Witt (Invited), Professor, Public Policy & Administration and Professor, Political Science, School of Public Service, Boise State University

Introduction to Idaho's geography and development, connecting to politics in Idaho from the historical perspective, touching on the three branches of government, important influencers, pivotal moments, local-state/state-federal dynamics, and more.

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1:30-2:45PM MDT

Panel—Political Savviness

State and federal science and technology policy fellows, current and alumni

Transitioning from your lab or office to an agency may be a culture shift. Hear insights into how to navigate agency and government structures, understand quickly the policy process, ask for help in your new environment, and office and agency life.

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Wednesday, September 2, 2026

9:00AM-12:00PM MDT

How a Bill Becomes a Law and Different Routes to Policy

Jared Tatro, Team Lead, Impact Review Team, Idaho Legislative Services Office

Brian Kane, Dean, College of Law, University of Idaho

The basics of how a bill becomes a law, rules, statutes, policies, the role of courts, process of promulgating regulations, and constitutional amendments and bonds that are vital to policy.

Note: this session will last 1.5-2 hours; the Zoom invite will be updated once finalized.

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Thursday, September 3, 2026

1:00-2:15PM MDT

Panel—How to Successfully Brief

State and federal science and technology policy fellows, current and alumni

How do you successfully write talking points for yourself and others? What does it mean to brief your boss? How does an oral briefing connect to a written brief? Learn insights and best practices.

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