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FCC Seeks Recent Graduates for New Honors STEM Program

One-Year Career Development Opportunity Accepting Applications Through April 30th

WASHINGTON, March 27, 2026—Today, the Federal Communications Commission announced that it is expanding its Honors Engineer program to include other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) positions. The Honors STEM Program offers a highly competitive, one-year career-development opportunity for emerging engineers, economists, technologists, and other STEM professionals. Participants will have an opportunity to obtain a permanent position in the federal government after successfully completing one year of employment. The application window to apply is now open through April 30, 2026 for eligible recent graduates, as well as current students who will graduate in May 2026.

Chairman Brendan Carr issued the following statement:

“From AI to drones, today’s communications sector is evolving at a rapid rate. It’s an exciting time to work at the FCC as we look to the future of tech and welcome new team members to join our outstanding workforce. We need to keep pace by expanding our talent pool for individuals looking to grow in the STEM field within the federal workforce. This career development program will set up recent STEM graduates for long-term success and the possibility of continued employment at the FCC.”

Additional Background Information:

FCC Honors STEM Program participants will work on some of the Commission’s highest-priority initiatives, which may include, but not be limited to, drones, satellites, artificial intelligence, wireless devices, radio frequency studies, laboratory analysis, geographic information systems, economic analysis of the telecommunications industry and emerging technologies, and national security. Participants will gain hands-on experience and training while contributing to the development of U.S. communications policies. The Honors STEM program offers immersive exposure to public sector policymaking and is structured to support professional growth, enhance technical and analytical skills, and to provide a pathway for career advancement at the FCC.

The FCC will evaluate many aspects of a candidate’s background, including academic achievement, technical skills, engineering and extracurricular activities, and interest in government service or the communications sector. To apply, interested candidates should review the recruitment announcements and apply online through the [FCCJobs web-based recruitment system](#), which integrates with the Office of Personnel Management’s USAJOBS website. Detailed application instructions, eligibility criteria and additional program information are available on the FCC’s website: <https://www.fcc.gov/workforce-jobs/honors-stem-program>. The application deadline is April 30, 2026.

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