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Myles S. Lynch L'20, a 2019 CTIC Public Interest Fellow, on his experience at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy



My time at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy as a legal and policy intern provided me with some of the most incredible experiences of my life; the work was rewarding, the environment was challenging, and the people I worked with are among the most impressive that I have ever met. Through this experience, I was able to learn an incredible amount about how to navigate the Federal Government and its corresponding hurdles and also about numerous science and technology policy areas.

The Office is one of many Executive Offices of the President and is tasked with crafting national science and technology policies, coordinating the policies of the individual Departments and Agencies of the United States that deal with science and technology, and interacting with foreign governments regarding relevant policies. Because of this unique role, and because of the role that the White House Counsel's Office plays, there are far more policy advisors than attorneys, and the attorneys function more like in-house counsel than a law firm. This arrangement allowed me to become involved with the legal aspects of numerous proposed policies and gave me a first-hand glimpse into where the country is moving in the science and technology fields.

After this experience, I have a truly unique insight into the future of science and technology policy, within the United States and abroad, and an understanding of how the people who make these decisions come to the conclusions that they do. I am very thankful of CTIC for granting me this public interest fellowship and allowing me to work in developing national science and technology policy. I feel that I have grown tremendously in this important area and have had a real opportunity to make a positive impact.

CTIC's Summer Public Interest Fellowships fund internships with public interest or government organizations doing work relevant to CTIC's focus on technology policy, intellectual property, cyber law and privacy. These Fellowships are open to Penn Law 1Ls and 2Ls and give students the opportunity to gain experience in technology law that might not otherwise be available to them. A Call for Applications for next summer will take place in early 2020.