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- 2026 Eagleton Science and Policy Fellow
- Senate Majority Office
  - Senate Education Committee



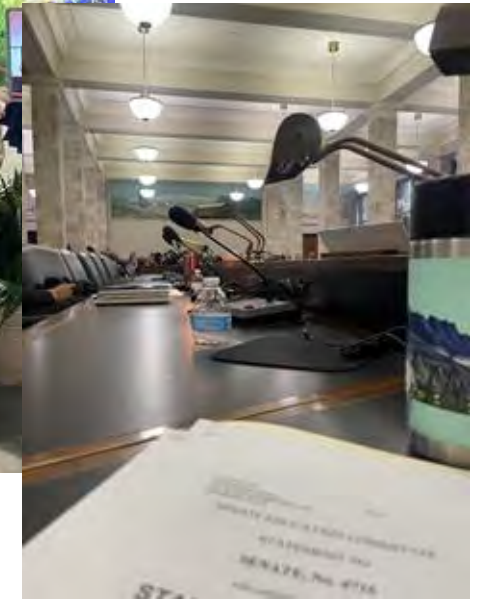
# Senate Majority Office - Education Committee



- Legislative Branch:
  - Serve the Senate Majority (Democrats)
- Facilitate the movement of Bills from Idea to Governor's Desk
  - Internal and external documentation
  - Drafting with Stakeholders
  - Committee Meetings
  - Researching needs and background
  - Answering questions
  - Advocate (within reason!)
- Report to: Senior Policy Staffers, Senators/Senate President!

# Getting Into It

- Write a lot
  - Freelance
  - Blog
- Be involved in your community
  - Volunteering
  - Finding “drive”
- Know your worth - but be flexible
  - No job too small
- Humble yourself!
  - Everyone can teach you something



Angelica Barreto Galvez

**Current Position:** Program Management Officer and Program Ambassador

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# Snapshot of your current role

- Work at the New Jersey Department of Health's office of Minority and Multicultural Health
- Co-develop a Specific Populations Program
- Lead statewide community partnerships with organizations working with the Hispanic population, including Latin American consulates, community and faith-based organizations, and local leaders to expand access to health and social services.
- Play a role as a program management officer managing a \$800K grant to support organizations serving populations that have been historically marginalized
- Design outreach events and community-centered health programs
- Work on issues related to health inequities, access to resources, demographic disparities, and community trust.

# Advice

- Build strong communications skills – Learn to explain complex science clearly and for different audiences.
- Think about how your research connects to real people, communities, and policy.
- Join science policy groups (NSPNS, AAAS, University groups) to familiarize yourself with the language and landscape
- Read policy memos, reports, and policies to familiarize with their writing style (very different from academic writing)
- Explore what areas of government interests you. Look at different state and federal agencies, their mission, and the kind of work they do.



## Iram F. Mansoor

*Research Scientist, Ph.D.*

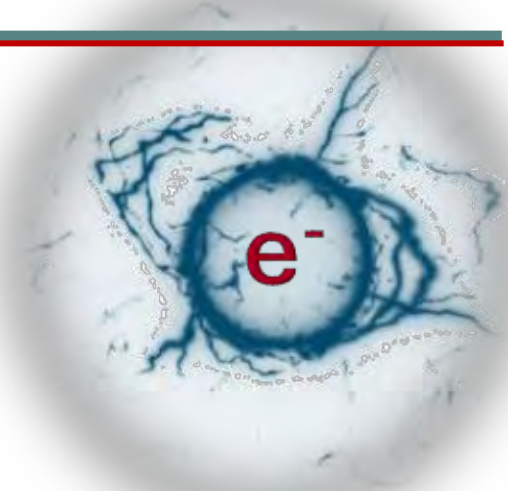
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# Background & Current Work

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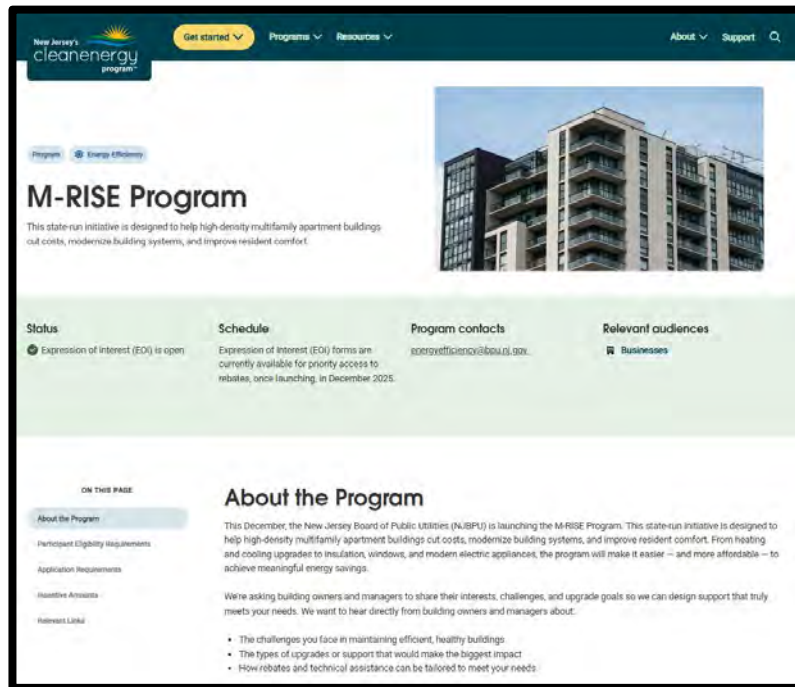
- **Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry**, Rutgers University – 7 years of laboratory research
- Studied how electrons move through molecules and how subtle structural or environmental changes influence that movement



## Current Work

- Fellow within Energy Efficiency & Clean Buildings
  - Supporting three major initiatives:
    - **M-RISE** (Multifamily Electrification Program)
    - **CP-HEAR** (Comfort Partners Electrification Adder)
    - **NJ MORS** (Municipal Outage Reliability Study)
  - Bridging technical research, policy design, and stakeholder outreach
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# Background & Current Work



**INTRODUCING THE M-RISE PROGRAM**  
Cut Costs • Modernize Systems • Improve Comfort

The New Jersey Board of Utilities (NJBU) is launching M-RISE this December – a new program to help multifamily property owners and managers unlock major savings on building upgrades:

- Heating & cooling systems
- Insulation & windows
- Electrical & building systems and more!

**PRE-LAUNCH OPPORTUNITY**  
Complete a 10-minute *Expression of Interest* form to secure early access before launch.

**FILL OUT YOUR EOI FORM TODAY:**  
<https://njcleanenergy.com/residential/m-rise-program>



- Map of NJ
- EOI forms submitted by individual buildings

# Advice for New Fellows

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## While applying to programs:

- Learn how to **market yourself effectively** for each role you apply to
- Translate your background into applicable **transferable skills** (critical thinking, leadership, problem-solving)
- If you can master complex, abstract systems, **learning applied policy or program work is absolutely doable**
- Use transition programs intentionally for **professional development**

## In a position:

- Adaptability matters more than placement
    - Show you can **learn quickly** and become effective in a new field, regardless of academic background
  - Be **resourceful**: identify gaps and work to fill them
  - Work well within teams and aim to eventually **manage up** by anticipating needs and offering solutions
  - Protect your **reputation at all times**, even in poorly managed teams
  - Look for opportunities to support other initiatives that interest you, in addition to assigned work
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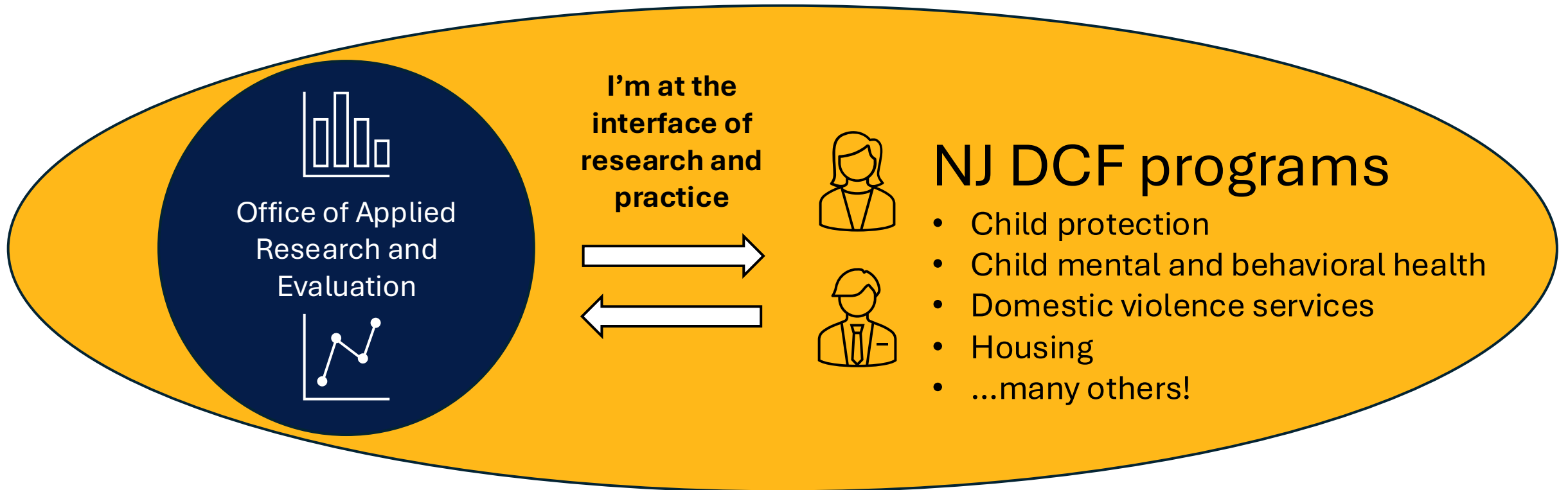
# Justin Wang

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Data Translation Specialist at New Jersey Department of Children  
and Families



# Using data to make NJ families safer, healthier, and more connected



**For example:** How can we use data help us prevent repeated instances of child abuse and neglect?

# How can you enter this career?

1. Talk to people in the field. Build relationships.
2. Practice translating complex ideas to different audiences.
3. Trust in your training.

# Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship

Where scientists, engineers, and health professionals play an impactful role as advisors in the New Jersey government, informing decisions across executive offices and in the legislative branch.





## Gain Hands-On Experience

The program welcomes doctoral-level scientists, engineers, and health professionals at any point in their career; whether you're an early-career professional, looking to take a sabbatical year, or make a permanent career change, the Fellowship is an opportunity to gain invaluable practical experience.

The Eagleton Institute collaborates with all Science Fellows to place them in a position with projects that align with their individual interests and goals, ensuring a uniquely productive, meaningful, and rewarding year.



# Find Exceptional Support at Every Step

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Throughout the year, Science Fellows participate in professional development and networking sessions.

The program begins with an intensive summer training seminar focused on New Jersey state politics and government, covering topics such as effective communication strategies, power structures, and political processes. The Fellowship also provides access to university resources such as a vast library system, including PubMed and a legislative and public affairs database, professional development funds, and other services within Rutgers, a top 15 public university in the country.





## Your Choice for Real Impact

The Eagleton Institute of Politics has a vast network of established relationships with individuals in politics and government within the state and across the country. Fellows connect with and learn from distinguished faculty as well as prominent alumni from both public and private sectors. Half of all Fellowship alumni hold full-time positions in state government and mentor Science Fellows in their placements.



# Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship

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tracks to pursue

**\$70,000** yearly  
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impactful year



With a 70-year legacy of providing fellowship opportunities in government and politics, the Eagleton Institute of Politics is a smart choice for scientists, engineers, and health professionals at all stages of their careers looking to make a personal impact on long-lasting local policies from the state capital in Trenton.

