What's the difference between the new Policy Fellowship and Stanford Biodesign's Innovation Fellowship?

The Policy Fellowship is a new educational program targeted at future policy leaders interested in the intersection between health policy and health technology innovation. Policy fellows will go on to pursue a wide variety of policy-related careers.

The Innovation Fellowship is Stanford Biodesign's original educational program for training aspiring innovators in our proven process for needs-driven health technology innovation. Innovation fellows have gone on to use their training to found start-ups, drive innovation inside major health technology companies, invent important new technologies, and/or teach others the Biodesign process.

	Innovation Fellowship	**Policy Fellowship**
Years in Existence	Now in its 23rd year	Beginning in Fall 2023
Target Audience	People who want to invent and commercialize health technology innovations	Aspiring policymakers interested in how technology can help improve health outcomes, increase access, and reduce costs
Focus of Project Work	*Team-based* project to identify unmet needs, invent new technologies, and prepare to implement them into patient care	*Individual* research projects focused on policy issues affecting health technology development and dissemination
Post-Fellowship Career Opportunities	• Start-up entrepreneurs • Corporate innovators • Physician inventors • Health technology innovation educators • Health technology investors, advisors, etc.	• Academics in health policy • Leaders in federal or state legislative or executive branches • Policy-related roles in government agencies • Government affairs roles within health technology corporations • Leaders within advocacy organizations • Members of policy-related nonprofits or think tanks
Impact	Bring forward new technologies with the potential to improve health outcomes, increase access, and/or reduce costs	Inform and/or make policy decisions that support the development and dissemination of proven, life- changing technologies