

# Society Civic Science Initiative

We are a collaboration of scientific societies and associations striving to encourage and support scientists who engage with the broader society through science communication, outreach, public engagement, and advocacy.

**Our goal is to advance a *culture of civic science*, in which science informs society and society informs science.** As professional organizations, we aim to support inclusive, mutually-beneficial, and fruitful relationships between scientists, decision makers, and the public at large.

Our efforts are focused on cultivating a stronger collaboration among scientific societies to better equip and empower scientists to engage with diverse stakeholders. By collaborating, we can increase the effectiveness of our existing civic science programs (e.g., communications trainings or public outreach events), scale up effective approaches to enable more scientists to participate, provide greater incentives and recognition for scientists who engage, and encourage academic and other institutions to join us in supporting such critical work.

## We invite scientific societies of all sizes and fields to join the initiative.

There are two primary ways to get involved:

- (1) Join a committee to advance a specific collaborative civic science program (e.g., developing incentives, supporting public participation in science) beginning in January 2020.
- (2) Stay informed by email. All members of the email list are invited to join convenings to contribute ideas to the initiative.

We welcome staff at all levels who work on any civic science topic to join the initiative. Staff who participate will be invited to join events where they can network and develop cross-society partnerships, will have access to the insights and assets arising from the initiative, and will have opportunities to collaborate to develop and obtain funding for new civic science projects. To learn more, please email Rose Hendricks, Kavli Civic Science Fellow ([rhendricks@ascb.org](mailto:rhendricks@ascb.org)).

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