

Call for Proposals Center for Science and Society Public Outreach Grants

<u>The Center for Science and Society</u> at Columbia University is issuing a call for proposals for outreach, service, and other projects that:

- 1. Help boost public understanding of societal concerns surrounding science, technology, or medicine;
- 2. Teach K-12 students about current issues in science and society; or
- 3. Work with communities to respond to issues that affect or are affected by science.

The Center for Science and Society (CSS) grew out of a conviction that the world's most pressing and increasingly complex issues—climate change, public health, food security, and gender inequality to name just a few—can no longer be addressed through the lens of just one discipline but require an interdisciplinary and cross-sector approach to problem-solving. The Center's mission is to create a new paradigm of collaborative inquiry between the natural and social sciences and the humanities. In addition to pursuing our mission through our research clusters, seed grants and academic conferences, CSS is committed to furthering public understanding about the role of science in society.

Proposals must include the following:

- 1. 1-2 page written summary of project that outlines the scope of work and how the project addresses issues at the intersection of science and society.
- 2. Budget—please note that grants can only support direct costs. Most grants will be awarded in the range of \$2,000 to \$5,000.
- 3. C.V. and contact information for a Columbia University affiliate who will be the primary (co)organizer of the project. The affiliate must be a student or full-time employee at Columbia University, Teachers College, or Barnard College (e.g., faculty, department administrator, postdoc, researcher, undergraduate or graduate student).
- 4. If proposals include activities that are in-person or rely on a change in the current state, local, and Columbia COVID-19 policies, please include a brief contingency plan for conducting the activity.

Deadline to submit proposals: March 19, 2021.

Please send proposals as a single PDF document by 5:00 p.m. ET to scienceandsociety@columbia.edu with "CSS Public Outreach Grants" in the subject line of the email.

Conditions of the award: Funds must be expended by June 30, 2022. Grant recipients must provide a final report on project activities, including a budget report.

For more information, please contact scienceandsociety@columbia.edu.