

Call for 2022 Public Outreach Grant Proposals

[The Center for Science and Society](#) 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.

All full-time employees and students from Columbia University, Teachers College, and Barnard College are eligible to apply, and proposals are welcomed especially from undergraduate and graduate students. Awards will normally be in the range of \$2,000 to \$5,000.

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.

As part of the Center's efforts to build an academic space that is more just, equitable, and accessible, and to foster diverse voices and audiences, **we ask that each applicant consider how their proposed project may support the Center's ongoing efforts to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism in policies, systems, and spaces in science and society.** Please visit the [CSS website](#) for more information. You may also review information about our prior years' theme of [Knowledge and Access](#) as a reference.

Submitting Proposals

To apply, please submit the following as a **single PDF document** by **11:59 p.m. ET on May 2, 2022**, to scienceandsociety@columbia.edu with "CSS Public Outreach Grant Application" in the subject line of the email:

- 1- to 2-page summary of the project that outlines the scope of work and how the project addresses issues at the intersection of science and society. Please also include a brief statement on how your project connects to the Center's ongoing efforts to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism in policies, systems, and spaces in science and society.
- Project budget with a line-by-line breakdown of all expenses, including other means of partial support, if required/provided. please note that grants can only support direct costs. Most grants will be awarded in the range of \$2,000 to \$5,000.

- C.V. and contact information for the 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, administrator or staff member, postdoc, researcher, undergraduate or graduate student).
- 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.

Conditions of Receipt

Grant recipients must provide annual reports on project activities, including updates on additional funding sources or proposals (successful or unsuccessful), and any events, papers, publications, course syllabi, and/or reports resulting from public outreach grant activities. Projects must be completed, and funds expended by June 30, 2023, with the possibility of an extension.

If you have questions, please contact scienceandsociety@columbia.edu.

