



LSEN Liaison Leadership Opportunity

Thank you for your interest in becoming an LSEN Liaison! This is a volunteer opportunity but there will be a stipend available to final, accepted applicants. Through AAAS' LSEN program, we want to train STEM professionals to become leaders in using science to solve local problems and then support these leaders as they apply their skills in the real world.

If you are chosen as one of our first LSEN Liaisons, you will be provided with in-depth training to help you develop effective leadership in recruiting and supporting a community of scientists and engineers interested in science engagement and policy discussions with civic, community, business, policy leaders and other stakeholders. Your exclusive training will be completed through webinars and workshops, as well as one-on-one with experts from AAAS. You will be guided throughout the course of a year and learn firsthand from other leaders in STEM to support the effective application of science to solutions in your own community.

As a thank you for their time and leadership, LSEN Liaisons will be given free AAAS membership and receive ongoing guidance from AAAS, featured as leaders among their peers, and have many opportunities to provide insights, learnings, and feedback to AAAS.

What You'll Gain by Applying

Selected LSEN Liaisons will learn from and work with AAAS experts to recruit and support networks of scientists and engineers who will foster visibility of and trust in science through short-term engagements and long-term relationships with influential local leaders. You'll receive in-depth, personalized and exclusive training on the following topics with experts in the field:

- Science communication and engagement
- Networking with other leaders in your community to elevate the visibility of and trust in science
- Activating and training other scientists to build capacity and community
- Solving complex, real-world problems with science
- Grassroots advocacy

There will be a stipend available to the final, accepted LSEN Liaisons.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the LSEN Liaison Learning Opportunity, we ask that you meet the following minimum qualifications:



- Applicants must be working and/or pursuing a graduate or post-graduate degree in a STEM field and may be career scientists or engineers at any professional stage. Small teams of collaborators in academia, government, nonprofit organizations, or industry may also apply.
- Applicants must have demonstrated leadership and/or community organizing skills, and a passion for including scientists from diverse academic perspectives and demographic backgrounds.
- Applicants must be professional and responsive with strong communication skills and have a high sense of integrity and ownership, as well as respect for others.
- Applicants must be able to commit to volunteering to be trained as a LSEN Liaison for a suggested range of four to ten hours per week, for minimum of one year, including participating in training, a multi-part orientation and periodic group calls, creating a local network, participating in continued civic engagement and network-building activities, and documenting their activities to be shared with the national LSEN network. AAAS encourages Liaisons to consider ways to integrate LSEN activities into their academic or professional work to make them more sustainable.

AAAS is committed to nurturing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the scientific enterprise. We're looking for motivated leaders who provide a diversity of lived experiences to help us shape and grow this program. If you meet the minimum qualifications, have a passion for the work, and can bring diverse perspectives to our civic engagement programs, you are strongly encouraged to apply for this valuable, educational opportunity. Organizations or institutions will not be considered for this program, although we welcome and encourage partnership with organizations where LSEN Liaisons are based. AAAS employees are ineligible to apply.

Required Materials

In this [AirTable form](#), applicants must provide:

- Name, current position, institution, email, phone number, and state of residence during the Liaison year of 2023-2024.
- A brief written statement, one page or less, answering the following questions:
 - What is your previous experience in science leadership and community outreach?
 - What do you want to achieve with training from AAAS' LSEN program? Why would this be an important experience for you?
- The applicant's current resume (3-page maximum).

All materials submitted become the property of AAAS.

Application Process



Please visit the [LSEN Liaison Application Form](#) to submit your resume by **Friday, April 14, 2023**. Applications will not be accepted by email or by post. Materials must be provided in English.

A member of the AAAS staff will contact you about next steps if you are selected for an interview. Acceptance decisions will be made in April 2023 and successful applicants will be notified at that time. The new cohort of LSEN Liaisons will be announced publicly on the LSEN program site at AAAS.org, as well as through other AAAS publications and social media channels.

LSEN aims to build toward a presence in 25 states in the coming years. Prior application does not exclude an applicant from consideration in subsequent application cycles. A team of AAAS staff with expertise in the fields of civic engagement, communications, and advocacy will review applications and select the cohort.

Inquiries

Inquiries may be directed to the AAAS Local Science Engagement Network via [email](#).