



LSEN Liaison FAQs

Please visit the LSEN Liaison [Opportunity Description and Required Materials](#) page for detailed information about this new opportunity.

Q: What is the mission of the Local Science Engagement Network?

A: LSEN aims to build a greater trust in science, opening the door for state/regional/local decision makers and their constituencies to seek scientific input in practical, programmatic, and policy decisions.

Q: Is this a paid, full-time position with AAAS?

A: LSEN Liaisons will be volunteers working part-time (6 to 10 hours a week) to aid and collaborate with AAAS staff in building, equipping, and activating local and state networks of civic science advocates. In addition to a small stipend, LSEN Liaisons will gain valuable training and experience in science communications, civic engagement, network leadership, and advocacy while developing leadership skills, professional connections, and visibility as thought leaders in civic engagement.

Q: Are individual Liaisons preferable to small teams?

A: No, we would like the LSEN Liaison role to include additional science leaders to help conduct the activities of the local LSEN hub and to share leadership responsibilities. Individual Liaisons who are selected will be encouraged to recruit additional local leaders and build a team.

Q: Will small teams of LSEN Liaisons be provided with the initial onboarding and training?

A: Probably not. Due to space and budget constraints, it is likely that only one member of each team will be able to participate in orientation activities. Once the initial LSEN Liaison onboarding and training is complete, local LSEN Liaison teams will be guided by AAAS as they plan and launch local engagement activities.

Q: When is the letter of support due?

A: A complete application package - including the letter of support - is due Friday, April 14 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time. There are no extensions for required materials.

Q: Does the applicant have to be a AAAS member?

A: If selected, the LSEN Liaison is required to become a member of AAAS (if they are not already) at the \$25 Supporter level or above. AAAS does not reimburse LSEN Liaisons for membership dues. Membership status will not affect the selection committee's decisions.

Q: What type of civic engagement are you looking for?

A: There are many [different approaches](#) to civic engagement and no single approach is preferred for the purpose of this application. We look for applicants who have actively taken leadership roles in efforts to engage

with the public on science- and technology-related issues and promote interactive, meaningful dialogue between science and society.

Q: How will applications be scored?

A: The selection committee will review applications and select LSEN Liaisons based on a demonstrated commitment to and leadership in civic engagement with science and their interest in building capacity for civic engagement across local networks of civic science advocates.

Please visit the [LSEN Liaison Application Form](#) to submit the required materials by Friday, April 14, 2023.

Applications will not be accepted by email or by post. Materials must be provided in English.

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