AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition
Call for Project Proposals

The Steering Committee of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition invites proposals for projects that further the goals of the Coalition. From hosting a webinar series on the use of specific scientific methods to support human rights research, to the development of teaching materials to integrate human rights into STEM curricula, from assessing the extent to which marginalized populations are represented in STEM fields, to cultivating a human rights interest group within a member organization, there are many ways in which Coalition members can further the mission of the Coalition within their communities, organizations and in collaboration with others.

Selection Criteria

For a project to be accepted as a Coalition project, the following criteria should be met:

1. The project will further the goals of the Coalition.
2. The intended impact of the project is clear, measurable, and realistic.
3. The proposal includes a robust outreach and dissemination plan and a data management plan, as appropriate. (Applicants should review the Coalition's Policies and Procedures regarding approval of publications.)
4. There is a clear role for Coalition member organizations to be involved in the project and/or to use the information/products/services developed by the project. Projects that encourage student participation are particularly welcome, as are projects that involve partnerships with marginalized or vulnerable communities.

Project Requirements

Project proposals should include a completed cover sheet and a project description (suggested length three (3) pages) that together include the following information:

a) Identification of the Coalition member who will serve as project lead and other Coalition members committed to participating in the project.
b) Duration of the project (the project should be between 6 and 24 months).
c) Clear indication of the goals of the project.
d) Explanation of activities and a timetable.
e) Explanation of how the project will address an important human rights concern and/or incorporate a rights-based approach.
f) Description of how success will be evaluated.
g) A statement of whether IRB approval is needed.
h) OPTIONAL ANNEX: If the project lead wishes to apply for modest funding in support of the project (i.e., no more than $3,000), a budget and explanation of costs should accompany the proposal as an annex (not included in the three pages). Examples of possible budget expenses include travel expenses, room rental, catering, and printing costs.

Application Process

Requests for proposals are issued by the Secretariat on a biannual basis. Proposals are due April 1 and October 1. Proposals consisting of a 'rapid response' action i.e., projects addressing an issue requiring immediate action, can be submitted at any time.

Proposals may be submitted by representatives of Member/Affiliated organizations as well as Affiliated Individuals.

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of three reviewers selected by the Steering Committee. The reviews will be completed within one month of the final date for submission.

Proposals should be sent by the designated project lead to the Coalition Secretariat at srhrl@aaas.org.