

## **AAAS Science for Seminaries 2018 Faculty Enrichment Retreat Application Rules**

1. Description: The AAAS DoSER Science for Seminaries Retreat Application Contest (the “Application” or “Contest”) begins on May 1, 2018 at 12:01:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time and the period for submitting your Application ends on June 6, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (the “Entry Period”). By participating in the Application, each entrant unconditionally accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by these Application Rules and the decisions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (“AAAS”) and its independent selection committee, which shall be final and binding in all respects. As outlined in more detail below,

2. Entry Fee: There is no entry fee.

3. Individual Eligibility: Only individuals over the age of eighteen (18) years as of May 1, 2018 who are residing and located in a jurisdiction where the retreat application contest is lawful are eligible to enter. The Contest is void where prohibited. Applicants may only submit one Application per annual retreat. The retreat is only open to faculty from an ATS-accredited institution who teach core curriculum course(s) at their seminary or divinity school (e.g. Biblical Studies, Church History, Pastoral Theology, and Systematic Theology). Eligible faculty include tenured or tenure-track, term-track faculty, and administrative staff (Deans and Provosts) as long as they have substantial teaching duties. No more than one applicant from the same seminary or divinity school will be selected to attend the retreat. Faculty from the past and current AAAS Science for Seminaries grant-funded seminaries are not eligible to apply. Employees of AAAS or The John Templeton Foundation, or their affiliates, subsidiaries, and their immediate family members or persons living in the same household are not eligible.

4. Application Materials: The Application and the additional materials (“Materials”) must be submitted by an applicant who is applying to the retreat. These submitted materials include: (a) an abbreviated CV (a maximum of 4 pages), (b) a letter of support from Dean or another supervising administrator at the applicant’s institution, and (c) a sample template of syllabus for at least one course in which the applicant has attempted to or plans to integrate science at their current institution.

5. Application Deadline: As noted above, the Application and the Materials must be received during the Entry Period to be eligible. AAAS is not responsible for late, lost, or misdirected Applications that are not received in a timely manner, or are lost due to computer or electronic malfunction or other error, or due to inaccessibility of the Internet or portions thereof.

6. Automated Entries Prohibited: No mechanically reproduced, incomplete, forged, software generated or automated multiple Applications will be accepted.

7. Representations: By applying to the retreat, applicants hereby represent and warrant that they (a) have the necessary rights to do so, and (b) are the author, creator, or producer (or co-author, co-creator, or co-producer, if so identified) of the Application. Applicants further grant to AAAS and its affiliates, subsidiaries, licensees and assignees, permission to reprint application and submitted materials and/or online at [www.aaas.org/DoSER](http://www.aaas.org/DoSER) or [www.scienceforseminaries.org](http://www.scienceforseminaries.org)

8. Privacy: Information provided to in the Application will not be sold to third parties but may be shared as may be necessary for the purposes of evaluating and selecting Applications. AAAS, and/or its affiliates in connection with this Application, may from time to time contact applicants via email concerning related opportunities, and each applicant consents to receiving such communications via email.

9. Selection of Retreat Invitees: AAAS will administer and facilitate review of the Applications, with input from the AAAS Science for Seminaries Phase II external advisory committee and the Association for Theological Schools. The independent selection panel can include current and former Science for Seminaries project faculty, scientists, and former members of the project advisors. The selections will be based on (a) Level of interest in integrating forefront science, (b) Institutional need to provide opportunities for science enrichment in the seminary environment, (c) The applicant's individual and institutional commitment (as demonstrated by the support letter) to implement science integration into curriculum, (d) The applicant's overall capacity to benefit from retreat participation.

Awarded applications will be announced no later than **June 30, 2018**, and invitees will be notified by email.

10. Retreat Details: Up to ten applicants will be selected and invited to attend the AAAS Science for Seminaries retreat. The selected invitees' travel, lodging, and meals will be covered by AAAS. Applicants agree that, if selected, they will attend the AAAS Faculty Enrichment Retreat held on August 2018 in its entirety, unless AAAS agrees in its discretion to waive this requirement, typically only in exigent circumstances or circumstances beyond an applicant's control.

11. General Conditions for the selected invitees: Potential attendees will be required to execute an Affidavit of Eligibility, Release Statement, and Acceptance Form (collectively, the "Claim Documents"). If a selected invitee fails or refuses to sign and return the Claim Documents within three (3) days of award notification, the invitation may be rescinded. Invitations are not transferable and not assignable. Invitees shall be solely responsible for all taxes and fees or costs associated with any prize, including but not limited to any federal or state or other income tax, transportation, lodging, and any other expenses not expressly specified herein. International winners of the award shall solely be responsible for obtaining any passports or other travel documents that may be required.

12. Limitations of Liability: AAAS assumes no liability, and shall not be liable, for typographical or other errors in the offer or administration of the Application/retreat selection including, without limitation, errors in the printing or display of the offer and official rules, selection, notification and announcement of the selection, or distribution of the invitations. AAAS is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by internet users or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Application process and assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to any systems associated with this Retreat Program. Attendees expressly agree that AAAS shall have no liability whatsoever concerning or in any way related to their travel.

13. Release: By participating in the Application, you authorize AAAS to use your name and likeness for advertising and/or promotional purposes worldwide and in all forms of media in perpetuity without further compensation or authorization. Participants agree that AAAS and its affiliates, and their officers, employees, agents and representatives (collectively, the "Sponsoring Entities"), shall not be responsible for any losses, damages or injuries of any kind resulting from participation in the Application or from Participants' acceptance, receipt, possession and/or use or misuse of any prize. Applicants also agree that the Sponsoring Entities have not made and shall not in any manner be liable for any warranty, guarantee, or representation, whether express or implied, with respect to any prize, including without limitation, the prize's quality or fitness for a particular purpose. AAAS reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who is found to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Application process or the Site, to be acting in violation of these Selection Rules, or who otherwise takes actions that do or are intended to disrupt or undermine the legitimate

operation of the Award. AAAS also reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any entry containing any obscene, offensive or otherwise inappropriate comments or other matter.

14. Governing Law: All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules shall be governed and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York without regard to the choice of law provisions thereof.

15. Name of Attendees: As this will be a closed, private event, the names of the applicants and selected invitees will not be announced publicly.

16. General questions can be addressed to Science for Seminaries Retreat Administrator, AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion Program, 1200 New York Avenue NW, Washington DC 20005. Washington and Vermont residents may omit return postage. Inquires can also be made to [Doser\[at\]aaas.org](mailto:Doser@aaas.org)