### Science Rising Challenge Fund Criteria

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| **Grant Proposal** | • Provides concrete proposal that supports Science Rising’s core values of science, equity, and civic engagement in the 2020 election  
• Led by undergraduate or graduate students, and/or underrepresented individuals/groups  
• Includes clear implementation plan with concrete goal(s), strategies, and timeline of activities and how it builds the Science Rising movement  
• Detailed and clearly outlined project budget and a financial statement of need | • Addresses one or two of Science Rising’s values of science, equity, and civic engagement in the 2020 election  
• Has a cogent sense of approach, timeline, and use of budget  
  • Led by one of our secondary audiences (STEM career scientists, university faculty and staff, etc) | • Does not focus on supporting science, equity, or civic engagement in the 2020 election  
• Fails to address all proposal questions  
• Proposal’s timeline and budget are incomplete  
• Is an event that is partisan and/or favors a specific candidate or party (ineligible)  
• If needed, does not include a fiscal sponsor |
| **Civic Engagement Impact** | • Features events or activities that grow science advocacy and STEM civic engagement  
• Has a specific social change goal (i.e. concrete, timebound, connected to cultural shift to normalize involvement in democratic processes and advocacy) | • Has a general civic engagement and social change goal | • Does not clearly present a strong civic engagement or advocacy component, but focuses on scientific research  
• Is an event without any sustainable intent for building the greater science advocacy movement—no follow-up plan. |
| **Community Impact** | • Amplifies community voices, concerns, or efforts from the most impacted and/or underrepresented communities as part of election conversations  
• Describes how equity will be addressed or integrated in the planned event or activity  
• Plan to work with local, regional, or state community groups  
• Event is designed to be inclusive and accessible | • Event offers general value to communities impacted by 2020 election or voting rights  
• Event makes an attempt to be accessible to diverse audiences  
• Stated commitment to equity with general ideas or approaches | • Events are not inclusive and do not work to address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice |