

Science Rising Challenge Fund Criteria

Points	Exceptional	Good	Inadequate
Grant Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led by one of our secondary audiences (STEM career scientists, university faculty and staff, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features online 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a general civic engagement and social change goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not clearly present a strong civic engagement or advocacy component, but focuses on scientific research • Does not include sustainable intent for building the greater science advocacy movement—no follow-up plan.
Community Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 online event or activity • Includes plan to work with local, regional, or state community groups • Is designed to be inclusive and accessible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers general value to communities impacted by 2020 election or voting rights • Makes an attempt to be accessible to diverse audiences • Includes stated commitment to equity with general ideas or approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is not inclusive and does not work to address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice