

Building Capacity for Science Communication Partnership Awards

Catalyst Awards Review Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of four broad review criteria. Under each criterion are the types of questions that reviewers will consider in each area.

Relevance

- Does the proposal describe a proposed partnership between one or more researcher(s) who study processes related to science communication or use and one or more practitioner(s) who communicate science?
- Does the proposed partnership address priorities of the standing committee or *Communicating Science Effectively*?

Importance:

- How important is the potential impact on the scientific community, the practitioner community, and target audience of this project if it is eventually fully funded and successful?

Quality:

- Is there evidence that the proposed project team understands the areas of research and practice the partnership will address?
- What is the overall quality of this proposal?
- Are the ideas well-presented and defended?

Feasibility:

- Is the project feasible?
- Is the budget appropriate to achieve the project's goals?
- Are the disciplines and perspectives represented by the personnel and institutions appropriate for the scope of the project?
- Does the proposal demonstrate that the project personnel would have adequate resources (for example, institutional support, equipment, and/or other physical resources) to conduct the proposed project?

Partnership Support Awards Review Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of four broad review criteria. Under each criterion are the types of questions that reviewers will consider in each area.

Relevance

- Does the proposal describe a partnership between one or more researcher(s) who study processes related to science communication and one or more practitioner(s) who communicate science?
- Is the partnership designed to be collaborative in all phases of the planned research, including design, execution, and evaluation?
- Does the proposed approach for the overall project include mechanisms for sustaining the partnership over the life of the project?
- Does the proposed partnership address priorities of the standing committee or *Communicating Science Effectively*? The award could be either for an entire research project or for preliminary work needed to secure funding for a larger project.

Importance:

- How important is the potential impact on the scientific community, the practitioner community, and target audience of this project if it is eventually fully funded and successful?

Quality:

- Is there evidence that the proposed project team understands the current state of the areas of research and practice the partnership will address?
- What is the overall quality of this proposal?

Feasibility:

- Is the project feasible?
- Is the budget appropriate to achieve the project's goals?
- Are the disciplines and perspectives represented by the partners their organizations appropriate for the scope of the project?
- Does the proposal identify anticipated challenges for the partnership and ways to address them?
- Does the proposal describe adequate resources to conduct the proposed project?