



ASTC Community Science Dialogue & Deliberation Fellowship Program Application Questions

Use this form to draft your application answers. Don't forget that a letter of support from your supervisor is required.

Please be sure to submit your finalized responses via the [online survey](#) by **September 7, 2021**. You must have a (free) [myASTC](#) account to submit an application.

Applicant Information

- Name, title, organization
- Email, phone
- Optional demographic questions

Institutional Experience

Although none of these experiences are required for this fellowship program, this information helps us understand your institution's current capacity and will help us to shape the fellowship to meet the needs of the participants.

- Has your institution run any of the following types of programs in the last 3 years? Check all that apply.
 - Public dialogue and deliberation on a science or technology issue
 - Citizen science project where you worked with members of the public to gather data about a scientific issue
 - Program that connected members of the public with a scientific researcher to explore a question, gather data, or solve a problem (i.e., not a lecture)
 - Program outside of your facility, hosted in collaboration with a community partner, on a science or technology subject
 - Program inside your facility that was substantially organized and led by a community partner on a science or technology topic
 - Program designed to connect members of the public with local, state, or national policymakers around science or technology topics
- Please use the text box below to provide links to descriptions of the programs that are representative of the categories you selected above. Please do not include more than 5 programs, if you have conducted more than that, please choose the most relevant events.

- How would you describe your institution’s experience working with community partners? ASTC defines “communities” broadly as connected or organized groups of people who share a common geography, jurisdiction, set of characteristics, or interests and goals. Pick the item that most closely aligns with your institution’s experience.
 - We have very little experience working with community partners.
 - We are trying to expand our partnerships with community organizations.
 - We have some experience working with community partners.
 - We work with a wide variety of community partners.

- How would you describe your institution’s approach to working with community partners? Pick the item that most closely aligns with your institution’s approach.
 - We mostly work with community partners to attract audiences to come to our facility and participate in our programs.
 - We are working to deepen our partnerships with community organizations and want to work more closely with partners on more initiatives.
 - We regularly partner with community organizations to advance shared priorities and common objectives.
 - We have a deep practice of equitable community partnerships where we share power, co-design initiatives, and work together on community priorities.

- Please briefly describe a community partnership that is representative of your institution’s approach to community partnerships or the approach you would like to see your institution take as a part of this program. This does not need to be a partnership you were personally involved in, but please identify if you were involved and in what ways (300 words or fewer).

- How would you describe your institution’s experience working with researchers, engineers, and other experts outside your organization on issues related to science and technology topics? Pick the item that most closely aligns with your institution’s experience.
 - We occasionally host experts to provide lectures or other programs to the public.
 - We regularly work with experts to inform our programs, exhibits, and other content.
 - We have ongoing partnerships and collaborations with experts on a variety of topics who inform our work and provide programs to the public.
 - We have deep collaborations with experts who inform our work, help us identify emerging science and technology topics, and engage with the public.

- How would you describe your institution’s approach to addressing emerging science and technology topics—such as advanced research, environmental resilience, public health, and others—that impact your communities?
 - We do not currently address emerging topics.
 - We occasionally invite experts to provide lectures or demonstrations on emerging topics.
 - We are working to expand our programs and approaches that address emerging science and technology topics.
 - We regularly host programs to address emerging science and technology topics that are relevant to our communities

Personal Experience

- How long have you been doing work to engage the public in science?
 - Less than 1 year
 - 1-5 years
 - More than 5 years

- How long have you been at your current institution?
 - Less than 1 year

- 1-5 years
 - More than 5 years
- Please briefly describe your current role and your past experience in science engagement work (300 words or fewer).
- How much experience do you personally have in working with community partners?
 - I am new to working with community partners, but am eager to learn.
 - I have some experience, but know that I can learn more.
 - I have a lot of experience working with and leading community partnerships and am excited to extend my practice through this program.
- If you have experience working with community partners, please briefly describe a current or recent partnership. Please address who the partner was, how the partnership was initiated, the duration of the partnership, the goals and objectives of the partnership, and the work you have done together (500 words or fewer).

Program Application Information

Please provide brief (400 words or fewer) answers to each of the following questions:

- Why are you interested in undertaking a dialogue and deliberation program on a science and technology issue?
- What learning and growth do you hope to see, personally and at your home institution, as a result of this one-year fellowship?
- What changes do you expect to see in your community as a result of hosting a dialogue and deliberation program?

Community Partner Application Information

One of the critical elements of this program will be working with a community partner to ensure that the individuals and priorities of the community are represented in the dialogue and deliberation program. The first portion of the fellowship experience will focus on learning about equitable community partnerships. You do not need to have a community partner currently identified, as you will have the opportunity to identify and establish a community partnership as a part of this program. If you have a community partner, you will be able to build on your existing partnership using the equitable partnership principles that are part of the fellowship curriculum.

- Do you have a community partner who you are currently planning to work with to co-design and host your dialogue and deliberation program as a part of this fellowship?
 - Yes, my institution has an established partnership with an organization who I hope to work with on this.
 - Yes, I have a desired partner in mind, but my organization does not have an existing relationship with that partner.
 - No, I do not have a partner in mind, but am looking forward to learning more and establishing a new partnership as a part of this fellowship.

- If you answered “yes” above, please tell us more about the partner, if applicable.
 - Name of organization
 - Name of contact person
 - Title/role of contact person
 - Brief description of the organization’s work (300 words or fewer).

Supporting Documents

Please upload the following documents.

- Letter of support from your immediate supervisor