



EQUIPPING CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP IN AN AGE OF SCIENCE

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SCIENTISTS IN CONGREGATIONS PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

It often helps to reach out and say hello before submitting a full proposal. Feel free to contact sciencein.congregation@durham.ac.uk with queries.

To apply, submit a proposal by email by **30th April 2024**. Proposals will be evaluated by ECLAS team members as well as expert advisors in science, theology, and communication. Awards will be announced in July 2024.

Proposals should include:

1. A completed **application** containing a project title, details about your organization, start and end dates, requested amount, and names for the congregational and scientific co-directors.
2. A **description of the congregation** (up to 500 words) with demographic details, relationship to larger church organizations, relationship with the community, and reflections on current engagement with science. If not a single worshipping congregation, describe the community you represent and its place within the wider church.
3. A **project description** (up to 2500 words) describing your plan, specifically addressing:
 - a. congregational context,
 - b. area of scientific engagement,
 - c. plans and budget for individual event(s),
 - d. strategy for connecting with the community, and
 - e. denominational (or equivalent) support.

Please organize with clear summary statements and bullet points and follow the word count.

4. A **budget narrative** (up to 500 words) explaining how the money will be spent.
5. A **letter of support** (up to 1 page) from the most senior denominational or organizational church leader to whom you are accountable in your area (e.g., Bishop, Chair of District).

Project leads for successful projects will be asked to attend pre- and post-event meetings with other recipients to help plan for and reflect on their activities. **You will be notified about the final dates for these meetings upon successful receipt of award.** Award recipients will also be asked to submit status reports, including a final report (up to 1000 words) at the end of their project.

Solid proposals will:

1. Affirm the work of scientists in their congregational context.
2. Build on current organizational and personal strengths.
3. Integrate clear goals and plans for achieving them.
4. Show awareness of needs specific to the congregation and the wider community.
5. Involve senior leadership, fully informed and actively engaged.

Superior proposals will also:

1. Display a commitment to match funds with local resources.
2. Have the potential to stimulate further engagement within the congregation.
3. Have the potential to create a cascade effect beyond the congregation.
4. Creatively explore science-engaged theology, tackling a novel issue or a common issue in a novel way.

We look forward to receiving your proposal.