

# Calling California Grad Students and Postdocs: Apply for the California Science Translators Showcase!

*CCST is seeking early-career scientists and engineers for an afternoon of science policy engagement in Sacramento.*

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The California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) is excited to seek graduate students, postdocs, and early-career faculty for the inaugural **California Science Translators Showcase**, held as part of our **2018 Science & Technology Week** at the **California State Capitol!**

The chosen presenters will get a chance to explain their research to state legislators and legislative staff during an afternoon networking event at the California State Capitol Building. We're looking for candidates who are eager to practice their science communications skills and convey the relevance of their research to public policy applications. The goal of this experience is to improve your skills in offering impartial, nonpartisan advice to policymakers, to meet other amazing researchers, and to proudly represent your home institution!

## Applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

1. You must be a current masters or PhD student, postdoc, or early-career faculty member (within first 3 years of your hire) in a science or engineering field at one of the following education systems: **University of California, California State University, Stanford, Caltech, or California Community Colleges.**
2. You must identify a **CCST Council Member** who best matches your institution or field to potentially serve as your sponsor (you do not have to personally know the Council Member). As CCST's chief body of expert advisors, our Council Members will take part in the proposal review process and will nominate the final roster of presenters. Search the CCST Council Members list here: [www.ccst.us/ccstinfo/council.php](http://www.ccst.us/ccstinfo/council.php)
3. You must be available to travel to and be present in Sacramento for one day on **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018\***. Chosen presenters will receive reimbursement for mileage or airfare and ground transportation. You will also be asked to attend two separate hour-long training webinars ahead of the event (*tentatively scheduled Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, noon PST*).

**To apply, please submit the following as a single PDF file by 11:59 p.m. PST, Sunday, December 10, 2017:**

1. Cover letter, single page only. Tell us why this experience will enhance your professional development and career exploration.
2. Resume or short CV, no more than 2 pages (single sheet, front and back).
3. On one page, please list one CCST Council Member who might best match as your sponsor, and a brief sentence explaining why. And please list contact information for one academic mentor who can vouch for your aptitude for policy and science communication, and for your professional presence.



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4. Link to one video (YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive, etc.), **not to exceed 60 seconds**, where you explain your research and its links and implications to California public policy issues. Pretend you are speaking to a legislator or staffer. It does not have to be a highly produced video; we are interested in your ability to engagingly translate technical information and deliver impartial advice, not your video editing skills!

**Email your application PDF to Ben Landis at [ben@ccst.us](mailto:ben@ccst.us) (subject line: Application for California Science Translators Showcase)**, and contact Ben for application questions. Selection and video-call interviews will take place in mid-December. Candidates will be chosen based on selection criteria and diversity of topics and experiences. Winners will be contacted in early January.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who is interested in gaining a science policy experience – especially if you're not yet qualified to apply for our **CCST Science & Technology Policy Fellowship** program. Good luck, and we hope to see you in Sacramento!

*\*Event date subject to change. Finalists will be notified in the event of any changes.*

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### **About the California Council on Science and Technology**

CCST is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization established via the California State Legislature in 1988. We engage leading experts in science and technology to advise state policymakers – ensuring that California policy is strengthened and informed by scientific knowledge, research, and innovation. Explore how CCST makes California's policies stronger with science at [www.ccst.us](http://www.ccst.us).

### **About the CCST Science & Technology Policy Fellowship**

The CCST Science Fellows program trains scientific thinkers to be policy-savvy, while helping equip California's lawmakers with science-savvy staff. The program was established in 2009 with funds from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and other generous friends, and continues to rely on philanthropic foundations and individuals for support. Discover how CCST Science Fellows make a difference in California's policy arena at [fellows.ccst.us](http://fellows.ccst.us).



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