



Science Alliance Leadership Training (SALT) 2018, Washington

Application Guidelines

1. Interested students should submit an application at this [link](#) on or before July 16th, 2018 at 11:59 PM (EST).
2. All the required documents (parts A-D) should be submitted by the deadline. Please be aware that the résumé/CV (D) needs to be uploaded into the online portal.
3. The letter of recommendation (part E) should be sent directly by the person who is endorsing the student to: sciencealliance@nyas.org.
4. Only complete applications will be reviewed.
5. Notices of acceptance/rejection will be sent by e-mail to the applicant by the last week of July.

What are the Application Materials?

Leadership Essay (Max. 500 words): Answer at least three of the following six prompts in an essay.

- Describe opportunities in your current position as a graduate student where you have demonstrated leadership.
- Describe a scenario where you were not effective as a leader and describe lesson(s) learned from it.
- Describe a situation in which you overcame adversity (e.g. educational, social, cultural, economic barriers, barriers related to accessibility, etc.).
- Describe your involvement in your community as a leader.
- Describe an experience in which you worked for social justice (e.g. addressing systemic inequality through education, organizing, activism, mentorship, counseling, outreach/access, survival and development work, event planning/coordination, community building and development, etc.).
- Describe someone you admire as a leader, and the leadership qualities they possess that you find admirable.

Statement of Purpose (Max. 300 words): Include answers for the following questions in your statement of purpose.

- What does Leadership mean to you?
- What do you expect to learn at SALT?
- Please describe your professional vision and how you plan to get there.

Candidate Bio (Max. 150 words): Brief bio that includes your education, interests, and professional goals.

Résumé (Max. 2 pages): include your current CV or Résumé for this application. Include: Publications, Oral and Poster Publications, Honors and Awards.

Letter of Recommendation

- The letter should address the following question: What skills make the candidate a potential leader?
- The letter of recommendation should be submitted to sciencealliance@nyas.org by July 16th, 2018 at 11:59 PM (EST).

Frequently Asked Questions

If you have any questions, please email sciencealliance@nyas.org

SALT Washington D.C. Application

- 1. What is in the application?**
The application includes a Statement of Purpose (max 300 words), a Leadership essay (max 500 words), a Candidate Statement (max 150 words). You can find the application [here](#).
- 2. Does the recommendation letter have to be written by my Principal Investigator?**
No, the recommendation letter can be written by a professional that can attest to the attributes that make you a great candidate and leader for this unique *Leadership Training* opportunity.
- 3. Is there an application fee?**
No, SALT does not have an application fee.
- 4. When will I be notified about my application status?**
We expect to notify all applicants of their status by the last week of July.
- 5. Who will review my application?**
Each complete application will be reviewed by two professionals in the STEM fields, who are currently pursuing a variety of science careers.

Eligibility for Participation in SALT

- 6. Is a PhD degree required to apply?**
No, SALT is designed to include students currently pursuing PhD or MS Degrees in the STEM fields.

7. **Are postdocs eligible to apply?**
No, SALT is designed for current graduate students in the STEM fields.
8. **Can non-US citizens apply for SALT?**
Yes, SALT will accept applications from both non-US citizen students and US citizen students.
9. **Are students from outside of Washington D.C. eligible to apply for SALT?**
Yes, students from other states that meet all the criteria stated above are eligible to apply. However, the New York Academy of Sciences will not cover expenses related to travel, and local transportation incurred by participation in SALT in Washington D.C.
10. **I was part of a previous SALT program. Am I eligible to apply?**
No, previous SALT participants are not eligible to participate in SALT for a second time.

SALT Program

12. **If selected, am I required to attend every day?**
Absolutely, yes. You are making a commitment to the New York Academy of Sciences to be present during the 4 days of SALT. This year's program dates are October 11th to 14th, 2018. Plan to be available to participate in programming all day during these times.
13. **When do sessions start and end?**
The programming agenda is still being finalized, but SALT sessions will likely start every day at 8:30 AM and will finish by 6:00 PM.
14. **When does the last session end?**
The last session will end on Sunday, October 14th, 2018 at 5:00 PM.
15. **Are meals provided during SALT?**
Yes, SALT participants will get a light breakfast, lunch, and snacks every day. Dinner *will not* be covered by the program.
16. **Will the New York Academy of Sciences covers my commuting fees?**
No, the New York Academy of Sciences *will not* cover commuting fees or transportation costs associated with participating in SALT.
17. **Will the New York Academy of Sciences provide for my travel expenses?**
No, the New York Academy of Sciences *will not* cover travel expenses for SALT participants.
18. **Will the New York Academy of Sciences provide lodging?**
Yes, the New York Academy of Sciences *will* cover lodging expenses for SALT participants. Lodging will be provided for 3 nights. Lodging is optional, but is strongly encouraged.
19. **Is there a cost associated with SALT that has to be covered by the participant?**
There are no fees associated with applying or participating in SALT. However, the New York Academy of Sciences *will not* cover travel, or fees associated with commuting and transportation to SALT in Washington D.C.

Submit your application for SALT Washington D.C. by July 16, 2018