

# March for Science Announces its Inaugural S|GNS Summit, an Advocacy Conference to Empower Leaders Across Communities

*On July 6-8, science advocates from around the world will join for a weekend of conversations and skill building.*

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES, May 22, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- NEW YORK, NY – The March for Science, a global organization that advocates for equitable evidence-based science policies, today announced the inaugural S|GNS (Science | Government, Institutions & Society) Summit and [Student Advocacy Summit](#), taking place on July 6-8 in Chicago. The global retreat will bring together emerging and established leaders across science, education, and advocacy communities to share knowledge, build community, and develop their skills as science advocates, educators, and organizers.

In partnership with the Field Museum and Hilton Chicago, the weekend retreat will feature three session tracks and workshops on topics such as grassroots organizing, STEM advocacy, and effective outreach strategies, as well as panel discussions designed to promote interdisciplinary collaboration across public, political, and scholarly spheres. Registration for the [S|GNS Summit](#) is now open.

“The future of science advocacy depends on coordinated action and diverse perspectives, so it’s essential that we prioritize spaces for interdisciplinary collaboration and dialogue,” said Stephanie Fine Sasse, Director of Special Projects, March for Science. “This is an opportunity for everyone — satellite organizers, educators, artists, scientists — to come together and learn from scholars, experienced activists, and each other. S|GNS will provide tools to support current and future leaders as they advocate for informed change in their communities.”

Each day of the summit will include workshops, panel discussions, and talks that cover a wide range of topics relevant to the S|GNS mission, such as science communication, civic literacy, and inclusive coalition-building. The program will focus on critical current issues from across perspectives, as well as actionable skills and opportunities for attendees to connect. The full schedule of the Summit program will be announced by the beginning of June. In addition to centralizing partners and resources, all workshops will be recorded and synthesized into freely available resources after the Summit.

The S|GNS Summit will continue the momentum of the second March for Science this past April, by providing resources that support impact at the local, federal, and institutional levels. Science outreach



and advocacy events - hosted by individuals, satellite organizers, and partner organizations – are already happening around the world on both a local and national scale are searchable on the newly launched March for Science Event Calendar.

The [Student Advocacy Summit](#), hosted the same weekend, will bring together passionate young advocates ages 13-25. Young people are not just our leaders of tomorrow - they are the leaders we need today. The weekend will empower young people as leaders in their communities and advocates for our shared future.

For more information on the S|GNS Summit, visit <https://www.marchforscience.com/summit>.  
For more information on the Student Advocacy Summit, visit <http://www.marchforscience.com/studentsummit>.

#### What's Ahead for March for Science

With midterm elections just around the corner, March for Science will continue to mobilize its diverse, powerful coalition of thousands of community organizers, hundreds of partner organizations, and more than one million advocates to make their voices heard at the polls this November and to strengthen the ties between the scientists and their community.

The coalition will continue its Vote for Science year-long campaign, aimed at creating a direct civic link between science supporters and their policymakers by encouraging science supporters across the country to hold their representatives accountable for crafting and implementing equitable evidence-based policies every day.

MFS will continue to strengthen its reach within local communities and encourage science outreach and advocacy in all communities through its Community Grant Program. The organization's recently launched Science Not Silence book by MIT Press will help fund these essential community programs. Through the Students for Science program, MFS continues to empower youth advocates to engage with science and make their voices heard.

#### ABOUT MARCH FOR SCIENCE

The March for Science (MFS) grew from a single-day event on April 22, 2017 to a movement that champions robustly funded science as pillars of human freedom and prosperity. As a global network of more than 1800 satellite organizers and 300 partners, the MFS network unites as a diverse, nonpartisan group to call for science that upholds the common good and for political leaders and policymakers to enact equitable evidence-based policies in the public interest.

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