

# Protecting Scientists Engaging in Advocacy

## *Resources and Next Steps*

Recording: [Protecting Scientists Engaging in Advocacy](#)

Take Action:

- [Share your story of the impacts of cuts to federal science research](#)
- [Call your senators](#): tell them to do everything they can to stop the unconstitutional executive actions
- [Submit a public comment](#) to hold the Los Alamos National Laboratory accountable and push back on unnecessary expansion of nuclear weapons infrastructure. (Check out [our guide on how to participate on federal rulemaking](#) to help you write your public comment.) **DEADLINE: April 10, 2025.**
- Find a [Stand Up for Science rally](#) near you (March 7). [Download free signs for the rally.](#)
- [Join the Science Hub at UCS](#)
- Find detailed guides on other science advocacy tactics in our [Scientist Advocacy Toolkit](#).

Tactics meant to intimidate and silence scientists:

- Counteracting the Four D's of Oppression: The intent of disinformation is to spread oppression. Learn more in the [Countering Disinformation Resource Guide](#).
- Examples: [Musk and Ramaswamy's DOGE Strategy: Bully Federal Scientists](#).

Know Your First Amendment Rights:

- [CSLDF A Pocket Guide for Scientists: The First Amendment](#)
- The Hatch Act: with limitations, federal employees can take active part in political management or political campaigns. [A Pocket Guide for Scientists: Participating in Political Campaigns and Elections](#)
- [Resources for Federal Scientists](#)

Support for universities, faculty, and researchers:

- [Researcher Support Consortium](#): resources, guides, and templates for academic institutions to protect and support researchers and scholars affected by external campaigns of intimidation and harassment.

Digital Privacy and Hygiene:

- [A Pocket Guide for Scientists: Safeguarding Online Communications - Climate Science Legal Defense Fund](#)
- [Update your email address with UCS](#)

Community spaces for BIPOC STEM professionals:

- [Advancing Indigenous People in STEM \(AISES\)](#)
- [Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science \(SACNAS\)](#)
- [National Society of Black Engineers \(NSBE\)](#)
- [#VanguardSTEM](#)
- And so many more! You can also look for affinity groups or working groups in your society.

Assessing threats:

- [“Science in an Age of Scrutiny”](#) offers tips for how to assess different types of threats and how to respond.