AAAS Science for Seminaries 2020 Faculty Enrichment Summer Workshop
Application Rules

1. Description: The AAAS DoSER Science for Seminaries Workshop Application Contest (the “Application” or “Contest”) begins on March 10, 2020 at 12:01:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time and the period for submitting your Application ends on May 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (the “Entry Period”). By participating in the Application, each entrant unconditionally accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by these Application Rules and the decisions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (“AAAS”) and its independent selection committee, which shall be final and binding in all respects. As outlined in more detail below,

2. Entry Fee: There is no entry fee.

3. Individual Eligibility: Only individuals over the age of eighteen (18) years as of March 10, 2020 who are residing and located in a jurisdiction where the workshop application contest is lawful are eligible to enter. The Contest is void where prohibited. Applicants may only submit one Application per annual workshop. The workshop is only open to faculty from an ATS-accredited institution who teach core curriculum course(s) at their seminary or divinity school (e.g. Biblical Studies, Church History, Pastoral Theology, and Systematic Theology). Eligible faculty include tenured, tenure-track, and fixed-term faculty, as well as administrative staff (e.g., Deans, Provosts) as long as they have substantial teaching duties. No more than one applicant from the same school will be selected to attend the workshop, but more than one person from the same school may apply. Faculty from the past and current AAAS Science for Seminaries grant-funded seminars are not eligible to apply. Employees of AAAS or The John Templeton Foundation or The Templeton Religion Trust, or their affiliates, subsidiaries, and their immediate family members or persons living in the same household are not eligible.

4. Application Materials: The Application and the additional materials (“Materials”) must be submitted by an applicant who is applying to the workshop. These submitted materials include: (a) an abbreviated CV (a maximum of 4 pages), (b) a letter of support from a Dean or another supervising administrator at the applicant’s institution, and (c) a sample template of a syllabus for at least one course in which the applicant has attempted to or plans to integrate science at their current institution.

5. Application Deadline: As noted above, the Application and the Materials must be received during the Entry Period to be eligible. AAAS is not responsible for late, lost, or misdirected Applications that are not received in a timely manner or are lost due to computer or electronic malfunction or other error, or due to inaccessibility of the Internet or portions thereof.

6. Automated Entries Prohibited: No mechanically reproduced, incomplete, forged, software-generated or automated multiple Applications will be accepted.

7. Representations: By applying to the workshop, applicants hereby represent and warrant that they (a) have the necessary rights to do so, and (b) are the author, creator, or producer (or co-author, co-creator, or co-producer, if so identified) of the Application. Applicants further grant to AAAS and its affiliates, subsidiaries, licensees and assignees, permission to reprint their application and submitted materials and/or online at www.aaas.org/DoSER or www.scienceforseminaries.org

8. Privacy: Information provided in the Application will not be sold to third parties but may be shared as may be necessary for the purposes of evaluating and selecting Applications. AAAS, and/or its affiliates in connection
with this Application, may from time to time contact applicants via email concerning related opportunities, and each applicant consents to receiving such communications via email.

9. Selection of Workshop Invitees: AAAS will administer and facilitate review of the Applications, with input from the AAAS Science for Seminaries Phase II external advisory committee and the Association for Theological Schools. The independent selection panel can include current and former Science for Seminaries project faculty, scientists, and former members of the project advisors. The selections will be based on (a) Level of interest in integrating forefront science, (b) Institutional need to provide opportunities for science enrichment in the seminary environment, (c) The applicant’s individual and institutional commitment (as demonstrated by the support letter) to implement science integration into curricula, and (d) The applicant’s overall capacity to benefit from workshop participation.

Awarded applications will be announced no later than June 5, 2020, and invitees will be notified by email.

10. Workshop Details: Up to ten applicants will be selected and invited to attend the AAAS Science for Seminaries Workshop. The selected invitees’ travel, lodging, and meals will be covered by AAAS. Applicants agree that, if selected, they will attend the AAAS Faculty Enrichment Workshop held August 10-13, 2020 in its entirety, unless AAAS agrees in its discretion to waive this requirement, typically only in exigent circumstances or circumstances beyond an applicant’s control.

11. General Conditions for the selected invitees: Potential attendees will be required to execute an Affidavit of Eligibility, Release Statement, and Acceptance Form (collectively, the “Claim Documents”). If a selected invitee fails or refuses to sign and return the Claim Documents within three (3) days of award notification, the invitation may be rescinded. Invitations are not transferable and not assignable. Invitees shall be solely responsible for all taxes and fees or costs associated with any prize, including but not limited to any federal or state or other income tax, transportation, lodging, and any other expenses not expressly specified herein. International winners of the award shall solely be responsible for obtaining any passports or other travel documents that may be required.

12. Limitations of Liability: AAAS assumes no liability, and shall not be liable, for typographical or other errors in the offer or administration of the Application/workshop selection including, without limitation, errors in the printing or display of the offer and official rules, selection, notification and announcement of the selection, or distribution of the invitations. AAAS is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by internet users or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Application process and assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to any systems associated with this Workshop Program. Attendees expressly agree that AAAS shall have no liability whatsoever concerning or in any way related to their travel.

13. Release: By participating in the Application, you authorize AAAS to use your name and likeness for advertising and/or promotional purposes worldwide and in all forms of media in perpetuity without further compensation or authorization. Participants agree that AAAS and its affiliates, and their officers, employees, agents and representatives (collectively, the “Sponsoring Entities”), shall not be responsible for any losses, damages or injuries of any kind resulting from participation in the Application or from Participants’ acceptance, receipt, possession and/or use or misuse of any prize. Applicants also agree that the Sponsoring Entities have not made and shall not in any manner be liable for any warranty, guarantee, or representation, whether express or implied, with respect to any prize, including without limitation, the prize’s quality or fitness for a particular purpose. AAAS reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who is found to be tampering
with the entry process or the operation of the Application process or the Site, to be acting in violation of these Selection Rules, or who otherwise takes actions that do or are intended to disrupt or undermine the legitimate operation of the Award. AAAS also reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any entry containing any obscene, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate comments or other matter.

14. Governing Law: All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules shall be governed and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York without regard to the choice of law provisions thereof.

15. Name of Attendees: As this will be a closed, private event, the names of the applicants and selected invitees will not be announced publicly.

16. General questions can be addressed to Science for Seminaries Workshop Administrator, AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion Program, 1200 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20005. Washington and Vermont residents may omit return postage. Inquires can also be made to Doser[at]aaas.org