



Partners & Friends of Science for Georgia

Science for Georgia works to engage scientists and the community in productive dialogue, with a mission to improve communication among scientists and the public, increase public engagement with science, and advocate for the responsible use of science in public policy. We are a catalyst for change to bridge the divide between scientists, the public, private sector, press, and policymakers.

Goals of Partner and Friend Network

Science for Georgia has two specific partnership goals.

Goal One: Build a community focused on implementing cross-discipline, science-based, pragmatic, solutions in concert with the community and policymakers.

Goal Two: Identify and amplify science and technology community needs and shared goals, providing a place for scientists to advocate while our partner organizations continue to focus on their main mission.

Achievement of Goals

Science for Georgia will achieve the stated goals through online services and forums and in-person events.

Online Services and Forums:

1. A listing of partnership organizations and their missions to provide a resource that community members can use to identify organizations that appeal to their varied interests.
2. Hosting and sharing blogs, resources and videos.
3. A Partner and Friend Listserv to facilitate communication.
4. Advertising partner events, and a "Featured Partner" in our Monthly Newsletter.

In-Person Events

1. SciTober Fest – an event to network and identify important science issues that impact the Georgia Science and Technology Community.
2. Science Tales & Tales and Atlanta Science Tavern – events to share science, that partners can speak at or attend.

Science for Georgia Provides to Partners:

- Listing on our website and link to partner site
- Following of organization on social media
- Advertising of events to our network when requested
- Ability to provide information at the fall networking event and other major events
- Invitations to present at ST&T or AST or contribute content
- Access to Partner and Friend Listserv
- Where applicable, introductions to people and organizations to expand reach (not for fundraising)

Science for Georgia Asks of Partners and Friends

There are no formal obligations or dues.

To grow our community, Science for Georgia asks of its partners and friends:

- Advertising of S4G events
- Display of logo on website (as possible)
- Good faith effort to attend partner and friend meetings (about 3 per year)
- Following of Sci4Ga on social media
- Amplification of important issues to members
- As requested: reach to your networks to identify the following
 - Important science issues affecting Georgians
 - Examples of S&T benefiting Georgia
 - Ideas for pragmatic solutions
 - Individuals interested in representing various parts of the community to build solutions together

Science for Georgia has a [Statement of Mission, Ethics, and Responsibilities](#). We do not expect our partners to sign it, but we do expect similar ethical behavior for all our partners and friends.

Difference between Partners and Friends

There is little formal difference between partners and friends. But we understand that some organizations have formal definitions of “partnership.” A large network benefits us all, and we wish to enable people to join the conversation even if they cannot formally commit.

Friends are organizations or entities that cannot formally commit to being a partner (due to organizational or other constraints).

Partners are organizations or entities that can enter into formal partnerships.