

Getting your voice heard on public policy: how early career researchers can engage with policymakers

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All researchers - not just those at the top of their careers - should have the opportunity to engage with policymakers about their work, but what are the challenges to making it happen? This session will explore the practical considerations, such as the support and preparation early career researchers (ECRs) get from research institutions to reach out to policymakers, the various types of policy makers, civil servants and thinktanks that ECRs should target and the routes into making contact with them.

We will also address the political considerations: how should ECRs understand and respond to the legitimate policy balance between facts and values? How can ECRs responsibly communicate the status of findings where there is scientific uncertainty, or respond to the need for policy decisions in areas where there is a lack of good evidence? With short presentations by experts, plus lively Q&A and discussion, attendees will come away understanding how to effectively spread scientific knowledge among policy makers, to encourage evidenced-based policy and to use these insights as they develop their careers.

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