Citizen Science Exploration Grant

Supporting Letters Guidance

Many different types of organisation might collaborate on a Citizen Science Exploration Grant application, and therefore may provide a supporting letter. These can act as an indicator of a proposal’s quality and of the wider ‘team’ that has been assembled. A good supporting letter may include the following:

1. An indication that the supporting organisation has a good understanding of the lead applicant’s work, as well as information about any relevant past collaborations.

2. A clear explanation of why the supporting organisation believes the project is important, and the potential benefits they see resulting. It will, for example, be helpful to see an outline of the advantages of any citizen science methodologies that may result.

3. A clear statement of how the supporting organisation plans to assist in conducting the project. This may involve a contribution of resources to assist with the project’s work plan, but it could equally involve specific advice on the likely requirements of any citizen science methodology. If appropriate, a more general discussion of how the supporting organisation may be able to assist in developing the project can also be included.

4. At the time of the application BBSRC would NOT expect supporting organisations to have any broadly defined rights to project results and outputs, as this may raise questions about the appropriateness of BBSRC funding for a project. However, it may be that the research institution decides at a later date that an exclusive agreement between organisations is the most appropriate way to achieve project outputs.