

Scientists must communicate more clearly

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Every individual has a civic duty to serve their nation.

That duty could be as simple as voting and participating in the electoral process. Or it could be as complex as governing and informing laws and policies that are passed into law. As scientists, we have a unique opportunity to help inform our nation's leaders. Not only do we have the expertise to understand our world, but through research, we also need to use our training and expertise to help inform who governs.

tioners and not necessarily to the researchers in the field.

This can easily be fixed. As research scientists, we need to communicate our research effectively to not only our general public and well. It becomes our responsibility to engage the

It becomes our civic duty to effectively communicate with a broad audience outside academia. It becomes our civic duty to help inform and direct policies that shape our nation.

Science policy combines public policy expertise to promote policies regarding technological and health care.

Science policy has taken importance as our country continues to advance. Legislation has become more complex and typically involves some type of scientific component. Thus it becomes imperative that scientists to participate in science policy discussions.

This is not a new concept. The importance of having scientists at the local and federal level is well understood. The presence of scientists in policy-making is essential for the development of sound public policy.

become active participants in both the academic and science policy realms.

An increase in the presence of scientists at the local and federal level requires targeting early career scientists. The IDSP consists of graduate students, post-doctoral fellows who are engaged in the Rochester community and interact with policy makers in order to better Rochester. We have had successful meetings with

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