



California Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator - June 26-30, 2023 Frequently Asked Questions

What is the expected time commitment?

Ability to participate in at least 3 two-hour virtual sessions which include an orientation, and 5 days in person residential workshop June 26 – 30, 2023. Our hope is also that the vast majority of participants will compete for funding and respond to our request for proposals following the Accelerator, and implement their advocacy strategies over a period of 12 months with the support of their organizations. Besides funding, Rise Up also supports grantees with technical assistance, access to networks and opportunities to share their experiences.

What kind of resources will be available during the training?

Rise Up will cover all costs related to program participation, including transportation, lodging, meals, and materials.

Why does Rise Up ask for organization information?

Rise Up requests information about the organization, institution, or group you are currently affiliated with as an employee or as a volunteer whose work is aimed at advancing gender equity in education, health, economic opportunities, and gender equity.

What is the level of commitment of the organization?

If you are selected as a Rise Up Leader, your organization must be interested in you sharing what you learn with other members of the organization. Additionally, the organization will support you during the implementation of a Rise Up funded project.

I founded my own organization or venture. Can I list it as my organization?

Yes, if it is addressing issues related to women and girls' rights, more specifically promoting Gender Equity in education, health, economic opportunities, and social justice.

I don't have a supervisor. Should I leave that question blank?

Do not leave this question blank. If you do not have a person that directly supervises your work, you may mention the name of the person who works with you and knows your work well. For example, if you are the Director of an organization, you may list your Executive Director or if you are the Executive Director, you may list the name of trustees/secretary, chairperson/ board member.

What is the word limit for my answers?

There is no word limit however please try to be as concise and clear as possible in the space provided.

When will I hear back from the Rise Up team about selection?

We will be reviewing applications and conducting interviews with candidates over Zoom or in person in April and May. You can expect to hear back from us by May 7, 2023.

Is there any age limit and experience required for application?

We will only accept applications from people over 18 years of age with a minimum of 3 to 5 years of experience working on social justice, gender justice, public policy, human rights, health and/or economic opportunity for women and girls.