



## California Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator – September 15-20, 2024 Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the expected time commitment?**

Ability to participate in at least three two-hour virtual sessions which include an orientation and a six-day residential training in person from September 15 – 20, 2023 in the Bay Area, CA.

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 organization. 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 fees, plus room and board costs. Travel costs are covered by the participant's organization.

### **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 opportunity, 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 social justice, more specifically promoting gender equity in education, health, economic opportunity, 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 in mid-July. You can expect to hear back from us no later than the end of July 2024.

### **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 three to five years of experience working on social justice, affordable housing, climate change, gender justice, public policy, human rights, health and/or economic opportunity for women and girls.