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Advocacy in brief

With the 22 April March for Science on the horizon, we have advocacy for science on the mind. In today's world of Twitter and sound bites, it is often crucial to make arguments concisely. Last year, we drew inspiration from the six-word story attributed to the legend Ernest Hemingway: "For sale: Baby shoes, never worn." This year, we apply the construct to advocacy. We asked young scientists this question: **If you had just six words to advocate for science (or for your scientific field), what would you say?** We received almost 300 responses, touting science's role in finding truth, protecting the planet, and improving lives. A selection of the responses are printed here. Do you have six words of advocacy to add? Post them on Twitter with the hashtag #NextGenSci. We may print your six words and your Twitter handle in an upcoming issue of *Science*! —**Jennifer Sills**

Truth

Truth has no borders;
work together.

Julia Paik, Structural Biology,
New Zealand

YES, the truth IS out there.

Miya Warrington, Behavioral
Ecology, Canada

Uncertain times call for certain
measurements.

Eric J. Daza, Biostatistics and
Public Health, USA

It is what it is. Period!

Zinan Wang, Entomology, China

Humanity's greatest tool: the
scientific method.

Rachel Elizabeth Keith,
Neuroscience, USA



Science doesn't care what you believe.

Julie Ann Speetjens,
Environmental Science, USA

Nothing can trump logic and reason.

Drew Alex Pederson,
Chemistry, USA

Hmm... Science is heresy? Been there.

Matthew Scult, *Psychology and Neuroscience, USA*

Health and happiness

Science yields better lives; embrace it.

Hector Vazquez-Rivera,
Macroecology, Biodiversity, and Climate Change, Mexico

Did you catch measles? Me neither.

Danielle Fanslow,
Cell Biology, USA

Forgot what polio is? Thank science.

Nikita Medvedev, *Plasma Physics, Germany*

Ebola. Zika. pandemics. Science saves lives.

Jamechia D. Hoyle, *Public Health, USA*

Clean water, healthy lives, smart choice.

Nasseer Idrisi, *Aquatic Ecology, USA*

Preventative medicine is cheaper and better.

Ian C. McKay, *Immunology, UK*

Science has given human lives dignity.

Mukta Dutta,
Biological Science, USA

Discovery

Let us understand ourselves; explore science.

Sudhakar Srivastava,
Environmental Stresses, India

Radical idea: Photochemistry equals free energy.

Terry McCallum, *Organic Photochemistry, Canada*

No mobile phones for science deniers!

Olena Mykhaylova Staveley-O'Carroll,
Economics, USA

All inventions were once an experiment.

Veronique Miron,
Neuroscience, UK

Inclusion

Science is not just for scientists.

Kelly Lynn Murray,
Biology, USA

They made it political; get involved!

Cynthia Leifer,
Immunology, USA

You were born a scientist, remember?

Nicole Ritter,
Chemistry, Canada

Science is not a partisan issue.

Lora Winslow, *Climate Change, USA*

Our future

Science helps us fight anthropogenic pollution.

Sharon M. Homer-Drummond,
Reproductive Endocrine Disruption and Environmental Toxicology, USA

Exploring unknowns for a better world.

Berit Zeller-Plumhoff,
Bioengineering, Germany

Learn how to save the world.

Keith Che Chan, *Anthropology, USA*

Fund today's science for tomorrow's technology.

Anand Ramanathan,
Remote Sensing, USA

Science: the future depends on it.

Allison F. Pincus, *Law, USA*

The past shows us the future.

Stephanie Jan Halmhofer,
Archaeology, Canada

Curious minds united for worldwide change.

Honor Pollard,
Natural Sciences, UK

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