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Nobel Prize Summit on countering misinformation and building trust in science to be held May 24-26

The Nobel Prize Summit *Truth, Trust and Hope* will bring together Nobel Prize laureates and other world-renowned experts and leaders for a global dialogue on how to stop misinformation from eroding public trust in science, scientists, and the institutions they serve. Speakers will include Nobel Prize laureates such as journalist and author Maria Ressa and astrophysicist Saul Perlmutter, along with other distinguished experts including Tristan Harris, co-founder of the Center for Humane Technology, and Åsa Wikforss, Professor of Theoretical Philosophy and member of the Swedish Academy.

Hosted by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the Nobel Foundation, the three-day summit will be held at the NAS building in Washington, D.C., and virtually, and is free and open to the public.

As the world faces interconnecting crises such as the pandemic, war, and climate change – all of which have increased stresses on society and the environment – the volume, velocity, and reach of misinformation and disinformation are weakening public deliberation and undermining trust in science and in democracy itself.



At the summit, Nobel Prize laureates and other experts will be joined by information technology and business leaders, policymakers, journalists, educators, and youth from around the world for a global discussion to explore solutions to actively combat the spread of misinformation and disinformation, share evidence-based knowledge and global experiences, and help restore confidence in science and systems of society.

“Science is providing tools and knowledge to help improve people’s lives and protect the planet, but the pernicious spread of misinformation is hindering our ability to make

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more progress on many of our most critical challenges,” said U.S. National Academy of Sciences President Marcia McNutt. “We hope that the summit will identify solutions that will enable everyone to be better equipped at discerning fact from fiction and making informed decisions.”

“No sector of society is untouched by misinformation,” said Vidar Helgesen, executive director of the Nobel Foundation. “We need to mobilize across society to counter it and build trust and respect for all those diligently seeking truth with integrity. We can’t limit the search for solutions to scientists, policy makers or civil society – we need everyone to get on board.

The summit will present a mix of in-person and virtual experiences. The first two days will feature compelling talks, discussions and opportunities for audience participation and networking; the final day will consist of live and virtual events that will focus on education at all levels.

The summit – the second international summit to be hosted by U.S. NAS and the Nobel Foundation – will build upon the success the popularity of the first Nobel Prize Summit, *Our Planet, Our Future*, which brought together more than 25,000 registrants from around 200 countries and territories to explore how to secure a more sustainable planet for all.

Registration for the summit will open in March. To be notified when registration opens or to sign up to receive updates, visit the [summit website](#) or email info@nobelprizesummit.org.

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