



B-SCI Credibility Standards and Guidelines:

The mission of the Black Science Coalition and Institute (abbreviated and pronounced “B-SCI”) is to foster scientific interest, research, knowledge, and innovation in black and historically underrepresented communities. This includes advancing scientific discovery, research, scholarship, and interest among these communities. Modern technology has made information readily available through the internet. While these advances have allowed for the proliferation of knowledge, it can also be damaging, as it can lead to misrepresentation of factual information which goes against B-SCI’s objectives. To ensure that the Institute maintains its objectives and credibility within the scientific community, B-SCI will set these standards and guidelines and procedures to ensure that it produces accurate and educational information. These standards are not exhaustive and may need to be updated as the Institute, the scientific community, and humanity progresses. B-SCI hopes that by establishing these standards and guidelines that we reduce our own personal bias on our quest to inspire and engage underrepresented minorities to engage in the sciences.

- Official Statements that are produced by B-SCI shall be indicated as such to ensure authenticity. Such statements will include official logos, the internal authority that authorizes the statement, and/or other identifiers.
- B-SCI will attempt to only use information from reputable sources and experts. We define a reputable source as one that has conducted thorough investigations, provided sources for statements and facts, has tried to remain objective, has been peer-reviewed and/or is generally accepted among the experts of that topic.
- Information reported by B-SCI shall follow a general citation format. This gives credit to the producer of the information and also provides a starting point for those interested in further research. Our citation style will be based on the American Psychological Association or APA style a common citation style in the sciences.
 - In-text citations: (Author Last Name and Year). Here are some examples:
 - Quotation: B-SCI (2019), “Seeks to foster scientific interest, research, knowledge, and innovation in black and historically underrepresented communities” (B-SCI, 2019).
 - Paraphrasing: B-SCI seeks to inspire scientific engagement and stewardship (B-SCI, 2019).
 - General Citation List in Alphabetical Order: Last Name, First Name Initial. Middle Initial. Year. “Title of Work”. *Publication Source*, Vol # (Issue #),



Page Numbers. Retrieved from <https://www.website.com/url> Here are a few examples

- Article: Scientist, Y.A. 2019. “Your Article”. *Your Journal*, 2(1), 19-20. Retrieved from *website*.
- The Black Science Coalition and Institute. 2019. “B-SCI: Credibility Standards and Guidelines”. Retrieved from <https://www.TheBSCI.org>.
- Social media citations are limited by the number of characters and the format of the platform. In general, B-SCI will attempt to tag or @username in original posts and if sharing a post, we will attempt to provide a link back to the original source. If we are unable to provide a line, we will offer an explanation of why and provide a general citation.
 - Facebook and Instagram example: Source: @username | Photo Source: @username or name of photographer
 - Twitter: Source: @username | Photo Source: @username or name of photographer
- If it is found that the Institute misrepresented or misunderstood previous information, the Institute shall retract the information and release a statement detailing how the Institute made an error and the next steps to remedy the mistake.
- Periodically, B-SCI will reevaluate these standards to ensure they are still relevant. If the current guidelines are out of date then B-SCI shall update these standards to ensure that the Institute continues to provide useful, relevant, accurate information and facts to our members and the general public.
- While B-SCI is composed of a team of hard-working, passionate scientists and critical thinkers, we can be wrong too. If you believe you have found an error or that we have misinterpreted or misrepresented something please contact us at: contactus@theBSCI.org.

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