

Scientist-in-the-Classroom Partnership Program
Partner Teacher Application Information
June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012

Partnership Details: Each teacher will work in collaboration with a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow. Partner teachers must teach five classes of science per day; obtain the recommendation of their principal; agree to attend two weeks of training in summer related to the partnership; plan and carry out inquiry based, hands-on lessons with the fellow; and allow observers in their classroom. It is important that partner-teachers demonstrate a desire to improve science instruction in the classroom. The stipends for Partner Teachers are \$100 per day for the two-week summer commitment. Each Partner Teacher will also receive an honorarium for hosting the teaching fellow in his/her classroom.

Eligibility Requirements: Teaching partnerships are intended for middle school teachers in grades 7 or 8 in Metro Nashville Public Schools who teach five classes of science per day. Interested teachers should display a dedication to the education of all children, a commitment to their own professional growth, and a record of fostering communities of learners. Applicants must agree to an observation and interview by the program coordinator or staff.

Fellowship Time Commitment: The conditions of the program require Partner Teachers to complete the entire two-week summer partnership experience. The summer 2011 workshop is scheduled for **June 6 to 17, 2011**. Partner Teachers are expected to spend time planning regularly during the academic year and participate with the teaching fellows in collaborative teaching, as well as assisting with ongoing evaluation activities for the program.

Submission Materials: Fill out the attached form and use it as a cover sheet for the statement of interest, describing how you plan to use the experience and your intentions for sharing what you learned. In addition, two letters of recommendation must be received by the deadline date. Letters of recommendation should be sent by the person making the recommendation to the appropriate address listed in the next section. One must be from your current principal.

Deadline: All application materials for these openings must be received no later than **Friday, April 8, 2011**.

For More Information: Contact Jeannie Tuschl, SCP Coordinator, at (615) 322-7140 or jeannie.tuschl@vanderbilt.edu.

Mail Completed Applications To:

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Name _____ School _____

School Address _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____

School Phone _____ Home/Cell Phone _____

Grade(s) You Teach _____ Number of Science Classes Taught Per Day _____

Persons asked to send letters of recommendation:

1. Your Principal _____ Telephone _____

2. Name _____ Telephone _____

Degree/s that you hold _____

Certification/s you hold _____

Teaching Experience (beginning with most recent):

Other relevant activities (activities beyond your regular teaching duties):

Also, please include a statement of 1) the reasons for your interest in this program; 2) how you plan to use this experience to improve your instruction; and 3) how you will be able to share what you gain with your colleagues in the school.

Date _____ Signature _____