

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) and the National Academies invite faculty members from your department to attend the Summer Institute on Scientific Teaching from **July 13-18, 2015** at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. During the past eleven years, many of the country's leading colleges and universities have sent faculty teams to one of our summer institutes and we would like your institution to join the many that have attended. The National Academies Summer Institute (NASI) at the University of Oregon will help to further develop faculty's teaching skills through workshops on evidence-based teaching methods designed to transform the undergraduate science classroom.

You can read more about the Summer Institute and its impact on undergraduate education in the *Science* article at <http://www.sciencemag.org/content/324/5926/470>.

The Summer Institute will provide:

- On-site meeting expenses and teaching resources
- All meals
- Subsidized lodging for attendees
- Shuttles between the airport and campus

Expected costs for participants (unless arranged otherwise):

- Travel to and from the Summer Institute
- Five nights lodging on the University of Oregon campus (total cost of approximately \$150 per person)
- 2 dinners on your own

We are accepting individuals and teams of faculty from all science disciplines and as indicated in the application information, it is helpful but not required to have the endorsement of an administrator (president, provost, dean) who may help defray the cost of travel and lodging. Teams of two are ideal, but teams of three or more will also be considered. If possible, each team should include a junior and senior member and may be comprised of faculty members and instructional staff, postdoctoral fellows or graduate students.

Applications can be found at <http://www.academiessummerinstitute.org/main/application.html>.

Completed applications for the summer institute are due **May 15, 2015**.

If you have any questions about the Summer Institute, please feel free to contact one of us. The information in this email is also attached as a pdf for circulation. We would also appreciate knowing if your department plans to assemble a team as it is useful for us to know which applications are in progress.

Sincerely,
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