

## West Coast National Academies Summer Institute on Scientific Teaching July 13-18, 2015 University of Oregon



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. The National Academies Summer Institute will help to further develop faculty's teaching skills through workshops on evidence-based teaching methods designed to transform the undergraduate science classroom.

### During the 5 day workshop participants will:

- Learn effective active learning techniques to use in the science classroom
- Create an active learning exercise to use
- See active learning exercises created by other faculty
- Have access to active learning exercises created by previous cohorts of faculty

### The Summer Institute will provide:

- On-site meeting expenses and teaching resources
- All meals
- Subsidized lodging
- 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 at a total cost of approximately \$150/person
- 2 dinners on your own

During the past 10 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. Information can be found <http://www.academiessummerinstitute.org/>.

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>.

We are accepting teams 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 expected, but teams of three 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 are due **May 15, 2015**.

If you have any questions about the Summer Institute, please feel free to email us. 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.

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