

Dear Educator,

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Museum of Science Boston, and VGBH seek applicants to represent Massachusetts on a new Science Ambassadors team.

Massachusetts anticipates adoption of revised Science and Technology/Engineering (STE) Standards in the fall of 2015 and is setting up supports to aid district planning and implementation. The Science Ambassadors will play a key role in supporting the state's transition to revised STE standards over the next several years by helping educators, administrators, and the public to understand the revised standards and their implications for curriculum, instruction, and student learning.

The Science Ambassadors team will provide leadership in their districts and across the state. We anticipate electing up to 40 Ambassadors representing a diverse spectrum of backgrounds, experiences, and regions. To establish this team, selected members will initially make a two to four day commitment during Spring 2015.

Expectations of selected Ambassadors this spring include:

- Participating in a two-day Ambassador Academy at the Museum of Science, Boston on June 10 & 11, 2015, including a modest pre-reading assignment

- Developing a product or event, which can entail one of the following:

-) developing a product such as a resource, activity, or presentation for use by the Ambassador team; or
-) conducting an event in your district or elsewhere to assist others in planning for their transition

We encourage applications from public school teachers, science leaders, curriculum coordinators, administrators, and higher education staff from all regions of the state. Working together with others in different roles and regions strengthens collegial discussions and instigates creative action.

By Tuesday, May 19, 2015, please complete an application, found at:

<http://mos.fluidsurveys.com/surveys/educatorresourcecenter/application-for-massachusetts-science-ambassadors/>

Please include a résumé, a statement of interest (1 page max), and the Application Signature Form which includes your administrator's recommendation.

We will make selections and provide notifications by Friday, May 22. Selected Ambassadors will receive a stipend for work done outside the two-day Academy and to defray travel costs, as well as hotel costs for western participants. Districts are eligible for substitute reimbursement for the two days (max \$150 per day).

Over the next several years, we anticipate active Ambassadors will commit to the equivalent of approximately 6

lays per year to attend Ambassador meetings, develop materials, or to make presentations to a variety of audiences within Massachusetts. Ambassadors will document their activities in an online database and will receive an annual stipend for successful completion of work assisting with the implementation of revised STE standards.

We will also issue annual calls for additional Science Ambassadors. We anticipate growing this effort over time and recognize that this initial application is short notice at the end of a school year. Additional implementation support will include regional district planning events in which science representatives from multiple districts can collaborate on transition planning and resource sharing. Stay tuned for more on that next fall!

Please feel free to email library@mos.org with any questions about the program or application process. A PDF of the application materials is available for review at <http://bit.ly/1RdsLnq>