

# 2018 MITS Summer Professional Development Institutes

***USING SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PRACTICES TO  
ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS IN INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING***

July 9 - 13 or July 16 - 20



**Museum Institute for Teaching Science**

# WHAT ARE SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES?

The Museum Institute for Teaching Science brings together museums, zoos, science/technology centers, cultural institutions and nature centers to create minds-on, hands-on, inquiry-based STEM professional development programs for educators. Our programs provide teachers with the tools they need to build a strong science program in the elementary, middle or high school classroom and ensure that teachers understand and are comfortable using inquiry-based, hands-on pedagogy.

**Inquiry-based, hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) professional development for K-12 teachers and informal educators.**

Our Summer Professional Development Institutes, one of our hallmark programs, are offered in regions across Massachusetts. The Institutes are one-week professional development opportunities that allow teachers to work directly with research, cultural and educational organizations to experience hands-on STEM content. Teachers participate in content and skill development sessions taught by professional educators and scientists at each collaborating partner organization. Daily activities include inquiry-based experiences both in the field and in the classroom. At the end of the Institute, teachers will take home investigations to use in their classrooms as well as a collection of teaching resources and field trip ideas!

## WHEN YOU ATTEND A SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, YOU WILL:

- Learn how to bring the Science and Engineering Practices into your classroom using inquiry-based investigations.
- Explore STEM resources in your community.
- Discover how to adapt your current curriculum to meet the 2016 Revised MA Science and Technology/Engineering Standards.
- Become part of a collaborative network of teachers from your region and across the state.

## REGISTRATION COSTS:

**\$400** per participant

**\$375** per participant for a team of 2 or more teachers from the same school district

**\$350** per participant for a team of 3 or more teachers from the same school district

## OPTIONAL GRADUATE CREDIT AND PDPS:

**Framingham State University** (all regions except Berkshire): \$225 for 3 credits and 67.5 PDPs

**Fitchburg State University** (Central, MetroWest and North Shore Regions): \$285 for 3 credits and 67.5 PDPs

**Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA)** (Berkshire Region): \$150 for 3 credits and 67.5 PDPs

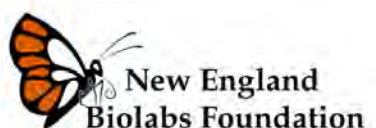
**40 PDPs are available without graduate credit.**

## QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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# Cape Cod Region

## *FROM LAND TO SEA: PRACTICING SUSTAINABILITY, MODELING SOLUTIONS*

### One Week Institute for Middle and High School Educators

- Explore the plants and animals in the coastal habitats of Cape Cod
- Discover the role of marine mammals and sea turtles in the Massachusetts marine ecosystem
- Visit a local marina and learn about innovative sustainability practices
- Dig into sustainable farming methods and their environmental impact
- Investigate the ecological and economic benefits of oyster farming
- Engage with scientists at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and discover new resources for your students

**Partners:** National Marine Life Center (Lead Institution), Mass Audubon's Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, YMCA Camp Burgess Farm & Hayward, Massachusetts Maritime Academy

**Dates:** July 9-13, Half Day Introductory Session June 9

**Graduate Credit:** Framingham State University

**Housing is available for this region.**



# Central Region

## *PARTS AND PURPOSE: USING INQUIRY TO EXPLORE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION IN NATURE'S LABORATORY*

### One Week Institute for Grades 3-8 Educators

- Take advantage of nature's laboratory right outside your door
- Create models to explore the interplay between structure and function
- Explore structures in animals and plants that help them prosper and reproduce
- Sample populations of organisms from pond, forest and field habitats
- Safely explore adaptations that make bees good pollinators
- Monitor pollinator health with the "Bee-cology" citizen science program
- Create inquiry-based experiences for your own classroom

**Partners:** Mass Audubon's Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary (Lead Institution), Mass Audubon's Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary, Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**Dates:** July 9-13, Half Day Introductory Session June 9

**Graduate Credit:** Framingham State University; Fitchburg State University





# MetroWest Region

## ***LANDSCAPES FOR LEARNING: A NATURAL CONFLUENCE OF SCIENCE, LITERACY, MATHEMATICS AND PLACE-BASED PEDAGOGY***

### **One Week Institute for Grades 3-8 Educators**

- Explore landscapes that have inspired a meeting of scientific, historical and literary ideas for centuries
- Collect and analyze data from local forests and ponds
- Connect to your local environment through artifacts
- Learn strategies for using nature journals and other literacy tools
- Investigate how geography and climate have shaped lives in the region
- Build skills in observation and evidence-based reasoning

**Partners:** Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary (Lead Institution), Concord Museum, The Walden Woods Project

**Dates:** July 9-13, Half Day Introductory Session June 9

**Graduate Credit:** Framingham State University; Fitchburg State University



# Berkshire Region

## ***GOING GREEN WITH YOUR STUDENTS: THE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING BEHIND CLEAN ENERGY***

### **One Week Institute for Grades 3-8 Educators**

- Explore the Berkshires' expanding clean energy industry
- Survey the historic science and engineering behind mills and hydropower
- Experiment with solar, hydroelectric, wind, and biomass technologies
- Evaluate possible solutions to help meet state and national energy goals
- Infuse engineering design into renewable energy projects
- Integrate science content with science and engineering practices

**Partners:** Flying Cloud Institute (Lead Institution), Trustees of Reservations, Center for EcoTechnology

**Dates:** July 9-13, Half Day Introductory Session June 16

**Graduate Credit:** Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA)



# North Shore Region

## *INVESTIGATING ECOSYSTEMS AND ASSESSING HUMAN IMPACT*

### **One Week Institute for Grades 3-8 Educators**

- Participate in citizen-science projects
- Learn how your schoolyard can become a “Monarch Watch certified way-station”
- Investigate what living things can tell us about our water and air quality
- Receive a copy of “Save Our Stream!”, written by scientists involved in local research
- Venture into the field with local scientists
- Collect, analyze, and communicate field data
- Learn how you can engage your students and introduce them to scientific research

**Partners:** Mass Audubon’s Endicott Wildlife Sanctuary (Lead Institution), Glen Urquhart School, Plum Island Ecosystems LTER

**Dates:** July 16-20, Half Day Introductory Session June 16

**Graduate Credit:** Framingham State University; Fitchburg State University



# Southeast Region

## *INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW: HOW TO USE MARINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM*

### **One Week Institute for Grades 3-8 Educators**

- Dive into data at the Marine Science Lab at UMass Dartmouth
- Discover the technology and engineering behind marine science
- Engineer prosthetics for ocean animals
- Test and analyze water quality at the shoreline
- Liven up physical science with marine connections
- Make marine science more accessible to students

**Partners:** Lloyd Center for the Environment (Lead Institution), Battleship Cove, National Marine Life Center, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth School for Marine Science & Technology (SMAST)

**Dates:** July 16-20, Half Day Introductory Session June 16

**Graduate Credit:** Framingham State University



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