

Initiative Supporting Newcomers to Earth Science Teaching Accepting Applications

ALEXANDRIA, VA. — At a time when knowledge of the Earth is increasingly important, the American Geosciences Institute (AGI), in collaboration with ExxonMobil, is excited to announce the opening of applications for the 2024 Geoscience and STEM Teaching and Learning Academy (TLA). This program is specifically designed to support K-8 educators who are new to teaching earth sciences and are seeking to enhance their teaching skills and knowledge in this vital field.

The TLA will be held in Denver, Colorado, and features two tailored sessions: one for elementary educators teaching grades K-4 that will run from July 7-10, and another for middle school educators teaching grades 5-8 from July 10-13, 2024. These sessions will provide hands-on, interactive professional development opportunities in a supportive learning environment. Periodic webinars following the in-person sessions will provide ongoing support and networking throughout the next academic year.

Dr. Ed Robeck, AGI's Director of Education and Outreach, highlighted the academy's unique focus: "The Teaching and Learning Academy is a significant initiative aimed specifically at educators who started teaching earth science relatively recently. We are committed to empowering these educators with the tools and professional community needed to inspire their students and excel in their teaching careers."

Financial support for academy participants is provided, including reimbursement for travel expenses up to \$200 and complimentary room and board during the academy.

Applications are now open, with a review process starting May 1 and continuing until the academy is filled. Educators interested in applying or seeking more information about the academy can visit:

- Elementary School Level TLA
- Middle School Level TLA

Educators with questions are encouraged to contact the TLA team at tla@americangeosciences.org, where dedicated staff are available to assist.

This initiative is part of AGI's ongoing commitment to supporting the geoscience education community, particularly those at the early stages of their teaching careers. By sharing this opportunity within educational networks, stakeholders can help ensure that the benefits of this program reach those new educators who stand to gain the most.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI), a federation of scientific and professional associations representing over a quarter-million geoscientists, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

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