

2018 Middle School Earth Science/STEM Teacher Leadership Academy

ExxonMobil Exploration and the American Geosciences Institute are pleased to announce that they will be holding the tenth annual national Leadership Academy in Earth science and STEM for Middle School teachers **July 22-27, 2018**. The program will be held in Houston, and begins with a reception and dinner on the evening of Sunday, July 22nd, and concludes at noon on Friday, July 27th.

The academy will provide teachers with Earth science content, hands-on activities, educational resources, and real-world science experiences that they can use with their students in the classroom and with their colleagues in professional development settings. The program will be residential in Houston, and all academy-related travel, lodging, and subsistence costs will be covered by a grant from ExxonMobil. We have space for up to 24 participants and encourage teams of two or four to attend from each state or school district. **While lodging will be provided, teachers will be required to share a sleeping room with a fellow team member.** Teachers have the option of requesting a single sleeping room for an additional fee.

The focus of all aspects of the workshop is first and foremost to prepare professionals to serve as mentors/leaders among their colleagues. Therefore, we are looking for teachers who have the potential to become science professional development leaders in their home school system. The applicant review process **will start March 2018** and continue until the academy is full. School administrators are encouraged to recommend teachers early. Please send names and e-mail contact information for nominees to Juliet Crowell, Education Programs Manager, American Geosciences Institute, at jmcrowell@agiweb.org. Please use the subject line "Middle School Teacher Leader Academy Nominee".

Each nominee will be sent a link to the online application form. Nominated teachers will be asked to complete an online application and to include (upload) the three required documents:

1. a **current curriculum vitae or resume** that includes their contact information, educational preparation, teaching and other work experience, and any professional development training they have received and/or experience in conducting workshops;
2. a **letter of interest** expressing why they would like to attend the academy;
3. a **letter of recommendation and commitment** from their principal or other school administrator stating why the nominee is a good choice for this program, and that the teacher will be permitted to conduct professional development workshops for her/his peers within the next year.

More detailed information about travel will be sent to the teachers selected to attend. Please feel free to send questions to Juliet Crowell, Education Programs Manager, jmcrowell@agiweb.org.