With funding from ExxonMobil, the American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is recruiting elementary-level public school teachers from across the country for the national 2024 AGI/ExxonMobil Geoscience and STEM Teaching and Learning Academy (TLA). This academy will build on AGI’s long-standing expertise and extensive resources in geoscience education and is designed for teachers who are recently entering Earth and space science teaching roles. The TLA will combine opportunities for geoscience content knowledge and pedagogical skill development, as well as for networking among participants. Review of applications will begin May 1 and will continue until the academy is filled. Applying early is highly encouraged.

This academy is recommended for grade K to 4 teachers and will include online and face-to-face experiences across the 2024-2025 academic year. The face-to-face portion of the academy will take place in Denver, Colorado, July 7-10, 2024. Participants will be provided with room and board in a Denver hotel for the duration of the TLA. Each participant will be reimbursed up to $200 for travel expenses in getting to and from Denver.

Online portions of the academy experience will begin with an introductory 1-hour webinar on June 19. Four additional 1-hour webinars will take place throughout the academic year with dates to be determined. The webinars will take place at 7PM Eastern Time to accommodate teachers’ schedules across the US.
The academy will provide teachers with hands-on and data-rich earth science teaching materials and techniques designed to assist teachers in building their own earth science knowledge, professional networks, and familiarity with resources across the earth science education community, including those provided by AGI and other organizations.

Teachers can apply for the 2024 AGI/ExxonMobil Geoscience and STEM Teaching and Learning Academy by completing the form at: https://bit.ly/2024-TLA-survey and submitting supporting documents.

When applying, you’ll be asked to provide:

1. A completed online application form with basic contact information.
2. A 300- to 500-word interest statement describing your motivation for attending the academy and how you believe it will affect your development as a teacher.
3. Your resume including your teaching experience with dates and past professional development. Other information (e.g., extra-curricular activities) may also be included as you choose. Email this resume as instructed on the application.

Please feel free to share this flyer.

Note: An academy for middle school teachers will also be offered, with the face-to-face portion being in Denver July 10-13. For more information about the middle school TLA please visit: https://bit.ly/2024-TLA-middleschool