An Enrichment Opportunity for Teachers

Holden Forests & Gardens is excited to announce it is again accepting applications for its Teacher in Residence Program. This program offers full-time teachers a unique opportunity for personal enrichment and professional growth. The Teacher in Residence expands their knowledge and teaching skills through the pursuit of creative teaching ideas and innovative techniques while working in a supportive atmosphere away from the demands of the traditional classroom.

The Teacher in Residence will spend the equivalent of ten days during the summer developing an in-depth outdoor life sciences (genetics/biodiversity) experience for The Holden Arboretum targeted at the middle or high school level. The program needs to meet the mission of HF&G and align with the state science standards. Lesson activities and background information will be produced, utilizing the expertise of Holden staff, it’s libraries, and the outstanding horticultural and natural resources of HF&G.

The resulting program and the skills gained in program development can be applied back at school, shared with fellow teachers, and employed to strengthen the curriculum. A stipend of $1600 ($20 an hour for 80 hours) will be awarded for this work. Teachers will also have the opportunity to bring their own classroom to the Holden Arboretum for a visit during the 2020-21 school year free of charge. There is the possibility of one Graduate credit hour of independent study if your school district approves. The cost will be covered by Holden.

Qualifications
Candidates for The Teacher in Residence must:

Currently be or have been a full time teacher in middle or high school who has demonstrated an interest in hands-on science and a willingness to develop and share innovative approaches and techniques for teaching about plants.

Be able and willing to spend the equivalent of ten days at the Holden Arboretum during the period of June-July, 2020 to develop the proposed programs.

To Apply
Submit a completed application including your resume, a letter of endorsement and a sample of a curriculum you have developed to Sharon Graper, Director of Academics, Holden Forests & Gardens
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Application deadline is April 1, 2020