



science teaching network

Partner with Nature Museum educators and scientists to incorporate real world science, authentic learning opportunities, and unique resources into your classroom instruction.

Teachers in **grades K, 3, and 4** are invited to join the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum's Science Teaching Network, a grant-funded teacher professional development program focused on best practices in science instruction, the Next Generation Science Standards, and local nature and science topics.

professional development highlights

- Attend the **Summer Institute** (three and a half days) at the Nature Museum to explore an NGSS-aligned curriculum and make connections to local ecosystems.
- Receive an **NGSS aligned nine-lesson** curriculum with all included materials.
- Participate in **three Saturday PD workshops** to support curriculum implementation, reflection on science teaching practices, and teacher collaboration.
- Observe one **Nature Museum educator-taught lesson** in your classroom.
- Take a **free field trip to the Nature Museum** and receive a full bus reimbursement.
- Earn a **stipend of up to \$200** and 36 professional development clock hours.

Freshwater Flashback (Grades 3–4)

JULY 16–19 OR JULY 23–26

NGSS: 3-LS3-2, 3-LS4-1, 4-ESS3-2

What lives in—or used to live in—Chicago's Great Lakes environment? Students will examine evidence of the ways local freshwater ecosystems have changed over time.

Nature in the City* (Grade K)

AUGUST 6–9

NGSS: K-ESS3-1, K-ESS2-2

Take a walk around the neighborhood—what plants and animals will you see? Use observations, discussions, and scientific drawings to explore ecosystems on the ground, in the trees, and near buildings.

**Recently updated to support beginning-of-the-year kindergarten students.*

apply today!

To participate, teachers must apply and be selected to enroll. Priority is given to teams of two or more teachers in high-needs schools. Teachers from the same school who teach different grades can attend different institutes. Each teacher must submit a separate application.

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Looking for options during the school year? Check out our **Science on the Go** program for grades K-8:
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