SERC Research Experience for Teachers (RET)

Thank you for your interest in applying to the SERC RET program. This program spans over 7 weeks in the summer. It is paid, and includes funding for field trips, materials for your classrooms, attending a professional conference, and more. If you have questions, please contact Alison Cawood (<CawoodA@si.edu>) or Karen McDonald ([McDonaldK@si.edu](mailto:McDonaldK@si.edu)).

First Name\*:

Last Name\*:

Email Address\*:

School District (Select One)\*:

* AACPS
* DCPS
* PGCPS
* Other (please specify)

School Name\*:

Is this a Title 1 school?

* Yes
* No
* Other (please specify)

What grade(s) do you teach?\* (Select One)

* 6th
* 7th
* 8th
* Other

What subject(s) do you teach?\*

Why are you interested in our summer research experience? There isn’t a word limit or recommended length for this, but please give us enough information to see if our program will be able to help you meet your goals.\*

Please describe any prior research experiences that you have had. Prior research experience is NOT a requirement for the program, but it can be helpful for us to know which lab might be the best fit for you.

Are there any environmental science topics or skillsets that you are particularly interested in learning about as part of your RET experience?

You can find a list of SERC labs at <https://serc.si.edu/interns-fellows/internships-new/about-projects>. Are there any labs that seem particularly interesting to you?

This experience covers 7 weeks over the summer (July 5 – August 19, 2022), where you would be working with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, both in person and remotely. Do you have any concerns about committing to this time frame?

Part of the funding for this grant requires presentation of your project during the spring semester and the option to attend a professional conference. We would pay for travel and sub days. Do you think that this would work for you? Does your school have any requirements or limitations that we should be aware of? Do you have any concerns about this?

Would you like to be added to our email list to learn about future SERC professional development opportunities?

Thank you for applying for our program. We will reach out to notify teachers about acceptance into our program by April 8.