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Moving and Improving the Florida Museum of Natural History Fish Collection

WHEN: June 8-13, 2025

LOCATION: University of Florida Main Campus, Gainesville, FL

Attention Elementary School Teachers!

Are you looking for a professional development experience that bridges many scientific disciplines? We invite you to apply and be part of the second cohort of Florida elementary school teachers for our professional development program titled, "Moving and Improving the Florida Museum of Natural History Fish Collection."

Cohort members will attend a weeklong professional development workshop this summer. Much of the workshop will take place in the Florida Museum of Natural History's brand-new, state-of-the-art [Special Collections Building](#). The building houses roughly 4 million specimens preserved in 60,000 gallons of ethyl or isopropyl alcohol that make up the Museum's expansive "wet" collections, including those from the [Herpetology](#), [Ichthyology](#), [Invertebrate Zoology](#), [Mammals](#) and [Ornithology](#) divisions. Storing specimens used by scientists worldwide, the building serves as a space for researchers to conduct studies that provide critical information for our global community.

During the workshop, participants will learn what it's like to be a scientist working with museum collections and the processes involved in moving specimens and updating a collection. These processes may include identifying, preserving, cataloging, photographing, and digitizing specimens for use. Scientists also help organize, provide access to, and properly store specimens. Participants will leave the workshop with content expertise that is sure to get their students excited and expose them to STEM topics.

Workshop Benefits:

- Learn what it's like to be a scientist working with museum collections and the processes involved in moving specimens and updating a collection. These processes may include identifying, preserving, cataloging, photographing, and digitizing specimens for use.
- Gain content expertise that is sure to get your students excited and expose them to STEM topics.
- Work with cohort members and scientists throughout the year.

Workshop Eligibility:

- Must be a public-school elementary school teacher in the upcoming school year within the state of Florida.
- Teachers who teach at schools that receive Title I funds are especially encouraged to apply.
- Must plan to continue teaching at a public school for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Must be able to attend and actively participate in the weeklong teacher workshop.
- Must be enthusiastic to learn!

Participant Support:

Participants will receive a \$1,000 stipend upon successful completion of the PD, evaluation, and scientist classroom visit as mentioned above. All teachers will be housed at the Reitz Union Hotel courtesy of the workshop regardless of which county they reside in. A detailed agenda will be provided to participants prior to travel.

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Application Process:

The **deadline to apply is April 15, 2025**. Space is **limited to 10 elementary school teachers**. All applicants will be **notified of the status of their application (selected or not) by the end of April 2025**.



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What is your first name?

What is your last name?

Please provide your school email address for communication.

Please re-enter your school email address

For set up of stipend payment, please enter your personal email address (NOT school email)

Please re-enter your personal email address (NOT school email)

I identify as

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Nonbinary
- ☐ Other

What is the best telephone number to reach you at?

Your home address:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Florida County

Emergency contact information:

First Name

Last Name

Relationship

Emergency Contact Number

What Florida county do you teach in?

What is the name of the school plan to teach at during the 2025-2026 school year?

Is this a Title I school?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What grade levels do you teach?

☐ 9

☐ 10

☐ 11

☐ 12

Please list the classes you anticipate teaching during the 2025-2026 school year.

How many years have you been teaching?

- ☐ 1 - 5
- ☐ 6 - 10
- ☐ 11 - 15
- ☐ 16 - 20
- ☐ 21 - 25
- ☐ 26 - 30
- ☐ 31+

Undergraduate degree, major, and institution

Graduate degree/concentration (if applicable, otherwise indicate N/A)

What are your personal and professional goals with reference to this PD opportunity?

How do you plan to incorporate what you learn into your classroom?

How did you hear about the Scientist in Every Florida School program?

In the box below, please let us know of any health problems, dietary restrictions, or mobility limitations.

What size t-shirt would you like?

- ☐ Adult small
- ☐ Adult medium
- ☐ Adult large
- ☐ Adult xlarge
- ☐ Adult xxlarge

What other information would you like us to know as we consider you for as a participant?

PD Expectations

In order to receive the \$1,000 stipend, participants must attend all cohort activities including: Attend the entire workshop launch and other required cohort sessions thereafter. Schedule a visit with a scientist to your classroom via the Scientist in Every Florida School Program during the 2025-2026 school year. Following standard policies and procedures, participate in and complete any evaluations, assessments, and surveys required as part of the program

- ☐ I agree to participate in teh above workshop components
- ☐ I do not agree to participate in the above mentioned components

Personal Statements

In the event that you are chosen to participate, we want to document our experiences together and share your professional pursuits and outcomes through multiple media outlets (i.e., website, social media, and traditional news print). By checking below, you give consent that all photographs, video images, voice recordings, productions, and/or written extraction obtained during this workshop may be used by UF and/or others with the permission of UF for the purpose of illustration, advertising, or publication in any manner. Consent will not impact selection for the program.

- ☐ I agree to allow UF to use program artifacts for promotional and grant reporting purposes.
- ☐ I do not agree to allow UF to use program artifacts for promotional and grant reporting purposes.

I hereby give permission to the UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA THOMPSON EARTH SYSTEMS INSTITUTE to release my contact information (cell phone number, email address) to the communications media should a reporter want to interview me for a story about my involvement with the SCIENTIST IN EVERY FLORIDA SCHOOL PROGRAM. Contact information will only be shared on a requested basis from a confirmed reputable news or media outlet. The UF THOMPSON EARTH SYSTEMS INSTITUTE will not share, sell or give out your information in any other format.

- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I do not agree

Please thoroughly read the assumption of risk and release below and check the “I Accept” box if you agree to the terms set forth. I, the undersigned, on my own behalf and on behalf of my heirs, administrators and assigns, in exchange for being permitted to participate in activities anytime during the program at the University of Florida, agree to assume the risks and hazards, whether known or unknown, disclosed or undisclosed, of participating in the Activity. The University of Florida shall not be liable for any damages or injury I may sustain arising out of my participation in the Activity, and I assume full responsibility for any such damage or injury. In consideration for permitting me to participate in the Activity, I hereby release the University of Florida and any other organization connected with the Activity, their respective directors, officers, employees, members and agents, and waive voluntarily and without duress any and all claims for liability which I or any of my heirs, administrators, or assigns, might or could assert.

- ☐ I accept

☐ I decline

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