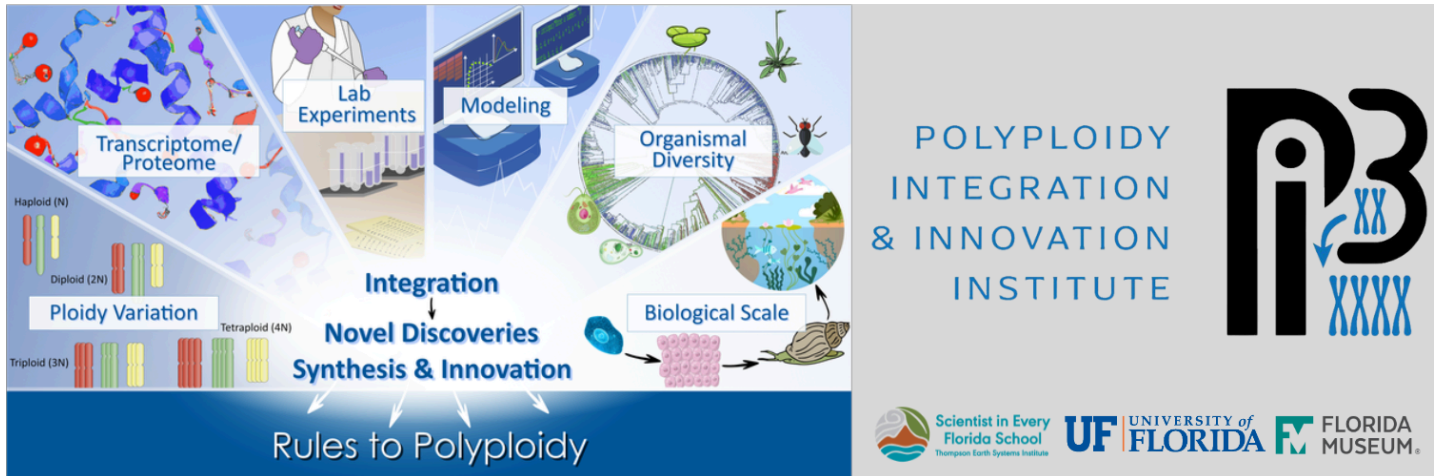


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Polyploidy Integration and Innovation Institute

WHEN: July 13-15, 2025

LOCATION: The Biodiversity Institute at the University of Florida Main Campus, Gainesville, FL

Attention Middle and High School Teachers!

Are you looking for an exciting professional development opportunity this summer? Join us for a special workshop on polyploidy, a fascinating topic that connects genetics, evolution, and ecology! Polyploidy (genome doubling) is common in many living things, including plants and animals. Understanding polyploidy helps with the creation of sustainable products like biofuels, food, and fiber. Polyploidy even plays an important role in human health! This year marks the first of four teacher cohorts.

Workshop Benefits:

- Enhance Your Knowledge: Learn about polyploidy and its impact on everything from tiny cells to whole ecosystems.
- Hands-On Experience: Participate in authentic science and activities that you can bring back to your classroom.
- Professional Growth: Develop new skills in data science, teamwork, and scientific communication.
- Networking: Connect with other educators and scientists and explore career development opportunities.
- Inspire Your Students: Gain new insights and resources to make science exciting and relevant for your students.

Workshop Eligibility:

- Must be a public-school middle or high 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 all of the cohort programs.
- Must be enthusiastic to learn!

Participant Support:

Participants will receive a \$400 stipend upon successful completion of the PD, evaluation, and scientist classroom visit. All teachers will be housed (single occupancy) at the Reitz Union Hotel, courtesy of the workshop.

(Funded by the National Science Foundation #2320251).

Application Process:

The application **deadline to apply is April 15, 2025**. Space is **limited to 20 middle and high school teachers**. All applicants will be **notified of the status of their application (selected or not) by the end of April 2025**.

Learn More:

Visit the PI3 program website to learn about components and benefits here: <https://www.pi3biology.org/>.

About PI3: <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/science/new-grant-awarded-to-study-polyploidy/>.

Please enter your first name below:

Please enter your last name below:

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

Confirm personal email address (NOT school email)

Please provide your school email.

Confirm your school email.

I identify as

Female

Male

Nonbinary

Other

Your home address:

Street
Address

City

State

Zip

County

Cell Phone

Emergency contact information:

First Name

Last Name

Relationship

Emergency
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Number

Your school information (for the 2025-2026 school year):

Complete
School
Name
Street
Address

City

State

Zip

County

Undergraduate degree, major, and institution

Graduate degree(s) and concentration(s) (If applicable, if not, please indicate N/A)

How many years have you been teaching?

List the subjects that you are currently teaching:

List the grades you are currently teaching:

List the subjects and grades you expect to teach next year:

Why are you interested in participating in this program?

How does this program fit in with your personal and professional goals?

Is there anything else you wish to share or ask?

Do you have any dietary restrictions? If so, please elaborate.

Do you have any mobility concerns? If so, please elaborate.

PI3 PD Expectations

In order to receive the stipend, participants must attend all cohort activities including:

- Attend the entire workshop. Successfully complete and implement in your classroom a series of modules that were developed during the workshop during the 2025-2026 school year.
- 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 the above workshop components.
- I do not agree to participate in the above workshop components.

Personal Statements

Do you have the following instructional materials/equipment? *Information below will not impact your participation in the project.

	Yes	No	Unsure
Student devices (computer, iPad, Chromebook)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Light Microscopes for group work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dissecting Microscopes for group work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slide making supplies or premade plant cell slides	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is your room/lab equipped with windows	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School garden space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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 in 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 do not accept