

Science Communication Fellowship



Are you a scientist looking to share your research with the public? Join us!

Become a Reiman Gardens Science Communication Fellow and develop a **fun hands-on** activity focused on your research! Email application to Sara Merritt (smerritt@iastate.edu) by **November 30, 2018**.



Who are Fellows?

Science Communication Fellows are scientists, engineers, graduate students, researchers, and other science-based professionals who have been certified through Portal to the Public as current science ambassadors and excellent communicators.



What is involved?

Participate in the 2019 Science Communication Course:

- Attend ALL (3) Professional Development Workshops: **Thursday, January 17, Thursday, February 21, and Thursday, March 14, 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

ALL fellows are required to appear at the Showcase:

- **Saturday & Sunday, April 27 & 28, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

ALL fellows are required to appear at (2) other public events within one year.

- Examples: Spirits in the Gardens, Butterfly Blizzard, etc.

What are the benefits?

Free Professional Development

- Learn from Informal Science Educators how to effectively communicate your work to diverse audiences.
- Enhance your science communication skills in a dynamic, engaging, and participatory workshop setting.
- Work individually to explore a science concept and develop a hands-on activity related to your current work.

Free Programs for the Public

- Present your hands-on activity to general public audiences through various programs at Reiman Gardens.
 - Visit <https://popnet.pacificsciencecenter.org/> for more information.
- Take your activity “on the road” to schools, conferences, and other educational or professional settings.
- Demonstrate the broader impacts of your work through multigenerational STEM education and outreach.
- Receive professional documentation suitable for sharing with supervisors and for grant reporting.

How can I participate?

Complete and submit the application below by **November 30, 2018**. Direct applications and questions to Sara Merritt at smerritt@iastate.edu

Science Communication Fellowship Application Form – page 1



Name:	
Departmental/ Professional Affiliation:	
Position:	
Phone Number:	
Current Mailing Address:	
Email Address:	

Please briefly describe your current work in science and/or your area of scientific expertise:

What initially inspired you to focus on this area?

How did you become interested in science? When did it happen?

Why is your work important? How is it relevant to day-to-day life?

Why are you personally interested in this area of study?

Science Communication Fellowship Application Form – page 2



What absolutely fascinates you the most about the topic you study?

What message, related to your work, do you feel is most important to communicate to public audiences?

To ensure this program is a good fit for you and your schedule, please review the commitments and **CHECK THE BOX BELOW** to indicate that you are available for **ALL** the program requirements.

1. Attend **all (3)** Professional Development Workshops at Reiman Gardens.
 - **Thursday, January 17, 2019, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
 - **Thursday, February 21, 2019, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
 - **Thursday, March 14, 2019, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
2. Showcase your activity at Reiman Gardens' Meet-A-Scientist Showcase Event.
 - **Saturday & Sunday, April 27 & 28, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Reiman Gardens**
3. Sign up to participate in at least (2) other public programs offered at Reiman Gardens within one year.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE COMMITMENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Return to Sara Merritt (smerritt@iastate.edu) by November 30, 2018.