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, 2019.

Who are Fellows?

Science Communication Fellows are scientists, engineers, graduate students, faculty, 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 2020 Science Communication Course:**
Attend ALL Professional Development Workshops:
- Thursday, January 9 (11-1)
- Thursday, January 16 (12:45-5)
- Thursday, February 20 (12:45-5)
- Thursday, April 2 (12:45-5)

**ALL fellows are required to appear at Showcase Events:**
- Thursday, April 9 (11-1:30)
- Friday, May 8 (10-12)

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

What are the benefits?

**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/](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.

How can I participate?

Complete and submit the application below by November 30, 2019. Direct applications and questions to Sara Merritt at smerritt@iastate.edu
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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?
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 (4) Professional Development Workshops at Reiman Gardens.
   - Thursday, January 9, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
   - Thursday, January 16, 12:45 – 5:00 PM
   - Thursday, February 20, 12:45 – 5:00 PM
   - Thursday, April 2, 12:45 – 5:00 PM

2. Showcase your activity at Reiman Gardens’ Meet-A-Scientist Showcase Events.
   - Thursday, April 9, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM – Rapid Fire Group Presentation
   - Friday, May 8, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – National Public Gardens Day

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, 2019.