

EXPLORATORIUM INSTITUTE FOR INQUIRY

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

An Introduction to Inquiry: Professional Development Design Workshop

January 24-29, 2005; February 7-12, 2005

Classroom Strategies for Teaching Inquiry

March 8-12, 2005

Please complete these questions on a separate page (not to exceed 4 typewritten pages).

Special Note:

New Districts (districts or projects that have never attended Institute for Inquiry programs) should answer questions 1, 2, 3, and 5.

Associate Districts (districts or projects that have already attended Institute for Inquiry programs) should answer questions 2, 3, and 4, and 5.

If you are a professional developer who is not employed specifically in a district or project, answer these questions by describing your work and those you work with.

1. How did you find out about the Institute for Inquiry's programs?
2. Provide a diagram representing the district's science professional development infrastructure, including who decides on, designs, or implements workshops. Use a narrative to accompany your diagram if necessary.
3. Provide a *brief* description of the current science professional development offerings of your district or project, listing the topic and duration of representative activities.

For Associate Districts Only:

4. Indicate how past materials were used and how the district or project plans to use materials from the current workshop.
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5. Provide a tentative team composition. List the proposed positions or roles or specific individuals, recognizing that final selection of specific individuals on the team occurs in Round II. See the Round II section in the brochure for a description of the types of individuals that should make up a team.

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APPLICATION COVER SHEET

New Applicant (has never attended Institute for Inquiry programs)

Associate Applicant (has attended Institute for Inquiry programs)

Project Name _____ State _____

District Name(s) _____

NSF Project Designation (if applicable):

LSC USP SSI RSI MSP CPMSA Other/Non-NSF: _____

List the most appropriate person to contact for Round II telephone conversations:

Name (Dr., Ms., Mrs., Mr.) _____

Title _____

Work Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Work Telephone _____ Fax _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Complete and submit the following:

1. Application Cover Sheet
2. District Commitment form
3. Demographic Information form
4. Application Questions

Please check which workshop(s) you are applying for:

An Introduction to Inquiry: Professional Development Design Workshop
 January 24-29, 2005 February 7-12, 2005 Either one

Classroom Strategies for Teaching Inquiry, March 8-12, 2005

An original **and** four (4) copies of the typed application must be **Postmarked by March 1, 2004**. Please do not staple the original copies.

MAIL TO:

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DISTRICT COMMITMENT

Please note this form is not complete without the signature of the District Superintendent and the Project Director.

If our district or project is selected to participate in the Institute for Inquiry, we hereby agree to the following:

1. To support our district or project's Institute for Inquiry team through **release time, stipends, and meeting space**, allowing them to transfer the knowledge gained in Institute for Inquiry programming through district-wide presentations, professional development workshops, etc.
2. To provide Internet access for team members to ensure their full participation in the Inquiry Network which enables them to maintain connections with Institute for Inquiry staff, other participants, and keep abreast of current knowledge and research in the field of science education and reform.
3. To reimburse participants for 100% of travel expenses (including lodging and meals), and to provide stipends or salaries to support staff during their participation in Institute workshops and seminars.
4. To provide the Institute for Inquiry with a materials fee of \$150 per participant, payable upon receipt of acceptance letter.

District Superintendent _____ **Date** _____

Project Director _____ **Date** _____

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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

A. Name of district or project _____

B. Demographics of district(s):

1. _____ Grade levels considered "elementary" in your district(s)

2. _____ Total number of elementary students

3. _____ Total number of elementary teachers

4. _____ Total number of elementary schools

C. Racial/ethnic composition of the students in the district(s) represented by your team:

_____ % American Indian or Alaskan Native

_____ % Asian or Pacific Islander

_____ % Black, Not Hispanic Origin

_____ % Latina/o

_____ % White, Not Hispanic Origin

_____ % Other

Total must equal 100%

D. Check one: Urban Suburban Rural

E. If your project includes multiple districts, please list name, location, and approximate size of each district you work with.
