

Science Communication Fellowship

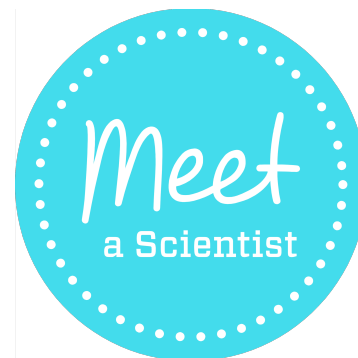
The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is dedicated to inspiring curiosity through engaging learning experiences, fostering experimentation and the exchange of ideas, and stimulating informed action. OPSI is a place where people turn, regardless of age or background, to understand and engage in the science behind current important issues and innovations. OPSI is a bridge that connects the public with meaningful discoveries in academia and industry.

- OPSI reaches and impacts a wide and diverse audience across the Northwest.
- OPSI has specific expertise in developing, delivering, and evaluating a range of educational experiences.
- OPSI helps prepare scientists and experts to effectively communicate their research and/or current work.

Becoming a Fellow

OMSI Science Communication Fellows are industry or academic researchers or science professionals, including faculty, graduate students, technicians, or other individuals in science, health, or technology related positions. After participating in specialized training, Fellows are certified by OPSI as current science ambassadors and skilled communicators. Fellows join OPSI in helping public audiences engage with science in meaningful and relevant ways. Specific commitments include:

- Participation in OPSI's Science Communication Short Course, a series of four professional development workshops focused on building the skills to effectively communicate with and engage public audiences (workshops are 3-4 hours each, spaced over 3-4 months).
- Collaboration with OPSI educators to develop a unique, hands-on activity and display representing each Fellow's work.
- Participation in a minimum of three Meet a Scientist programs per year. Meet a Scientist is a public program held on the second Saturday of each month, exclusively featuring OPSI Fellows with their hands-on, table-top activities.



Tuition for the Science Communication Short Course is \$2,500 per participant (scholarships may be available). The Short Course runs approximately three times per year.

Participation Benefits

- Communication training and ongoing opportunities to engage with OPSI visitors.
- Official OPSI Science Communication Fellowship certificate and letters of acknowledgement as needed.
- Consultation and assistance in designing and writing broader impact plans to fulfill grant and other outreach requirements.
- Opportunities to network with local scientists committed to public engagement and education professionals.

