Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is seeking graduate students and other professionals in all science fields to participate in **Portal to the Public**, a new program designed to help scientists share their research with the public.

**Who can participate?**
Graduate students or faculty engaged in scientific study, as well as professionals working in a science-related field.

**What does the program entail?**
• Participants will take part in a science communication workshop at Phipps. Facilitated by the science education and research department, this learning opportunity is designed to help attendees develop tools for communicating scientific concepts to the public.
• After completion of their science communication training, participants will have the chance to engage members of the public at an Ask a Scientist event at Phipps.

**What are the benefits of participating?**
• Participants will have the opportunity to work with informal education experts to develop their skills in communicating science to the public.
• Participants will have the chance to network with colleagues who come from multiple disciplines and are equally committed to sharing their work with the public.
• Participants will be provided with a forum for sharing their work with a diverse public audience at Phipps.

**What are the expectations for participants?**
• Participants will attend a one-day science communication workshop on March 21, 2015.
• Participants will create a table display kit using existing equipment/tools from their research.
• Participants will take part in a one-hour table prototyping session on either April 9 or 17, 2015.
• Participants will sign up for tabling shifts at an Ask a Scientist event at Phipps on May 2, 2015.
• Participants will write a blog post about their experiences as a scientist to share via Phipps’ online outreach platform.

**How to apply**
[Click here to access and complete the application form.](#)
Applications must be returned by Feb. 27, 2015 to Amanda Joy at ajoy@phipps.conservatory.org.

All applicants accepted for the 2015 cohort receive a full scholarship (includes the cost of lunch).

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