

Are you a scientist, STEM professional or STEM enthusiast looking to share your research and passion with the public? Become a STEM Communication Fellow at Sci-Port's STEM Communications Institute.

Along with your cohorts in Sci-Port's STEM Communications Institute, you will attend three professional development workshops designed to make your STEM topic approachable to the average person. Fellows will also receive guidance as they work individually to develop a hands-on activity related to their current work.

Fellows will commit to participate in no fewer than five regularly scheduled "Scientist Spotlight" events to be hosted at Sci-Port or elsewhere in the community. Each Scientist Spotlight event will last approximately three hours, during which you will be given an opportunity to engage the general public in face-to-face, dialogue-driven, one-on-one or small group interaction, centered around your work, your interest and your activity.

Who can participate?

We are seeking professionals, students or enthusiasts from any and all fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

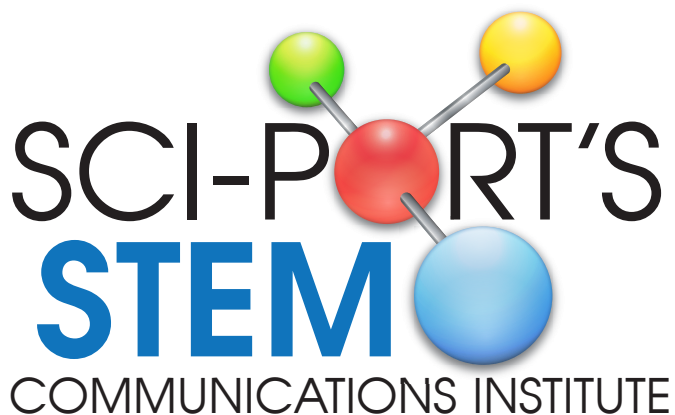
Why participate?

Sci-Port's STEM Communication Fellows will:

- Enhance their science communication skills in a dynamic, engaging and participatory workshop setting;
- Develop hands-on educational activities which they can use in multiple educational settings beyond Sci-Port;
- Build skills that will enhance future grant applications and professional presentations;
- Have an outlet to meet grant requirements for public outreach;
- Receive letters of acknowledgement and professional documentation, suitable for reference on their C.V.s, for sharing with supervisors and for grant reporting;
- Join a community of like-minded science professionals and enthusiasts.

Fellows completing their initial commitment and agreeing to continued active engagement with the Sci-Port public will even receive their own personal "Celebrate a Scientist" trading card!

For additional information, including a video showing a similar Science Communication Institute in action, please visit our website: sciport.org/portal.



Professional Development Workshops

Professional Development Workshops are designed to give you the tools and perspective practicing science professionals may need in order to relate their work to a wider audience of all ages. Workshops will utilize a range of hands-on, interactive activities, designed by the Portal to the Public Network, an NSF-funded initiative whose goal is to encourage one-on-one interaction between scientists and the general public.

January 17, 2015: Professional Development Workshop #1 (9am-Noon)

Between Professional Development Workshops 1 and 2, a member of the Sci-Port Science Communication team will schedule an individual visit to your lab or work area. This visit will allow us to provide personalized coaching, particularly useful during the development of your hands-on activity prototype.

February 14, 2015: Professional Development Workshop #2 (9am-Noon)

March 7, 2015: Professional Development Workshop #3 (9am-Noon)

March 12, 2015 (5-8pm):

Activity Prototyping for Sci-Port staff and their families, as well as the families of your cohorts.

March 21, 2015 (9am-Noon OR 2-5pm):

You will participate in your first Scientist Spotlight, which will be scheduled to coincide with Sci-Port's Spark of Curiosity Expo, our annual showcase of regional Science Fair projects demonstrating a sincere desire to satisfy one's own curiosity.

Need further information?

Contact Alan Brown, Senior Programs Manager at (318) 424-8694, or Heather Kleiner, Special Programs Manager at (318) 424-8675.

How to apply?

Visit our website at sciport.org/portal to download an application form.