Science Teaching Experience for Postdocs (STEP) 2014-2015

Application Deadline, 5:00 pm, Friday, September 5, 2014

Dear Postdoc,

Thank you for your interest in the 2014-2015 STEP Program. This program brings together a diverse group of postdocs with different backgrounds and different kinds of teaching experience from an array of biological disciplines. Preference is usually given to postdocs who have little-to-no prior classroom teaching. However, the program is growing, and we anticipate that 24 spaces will be available for the 2014-2015 academic year. This year, we hope to include some postdocs who have some formal teaching experience but are seeking opportunities to learn state-of-the-art teaching strategies.

If you are accepted and agree to participate, you will commit to attending two sessions with all of the apprentices that will be held during Fall quarter 2014. These sessions will each last two hours, and they are typically held early in the morning (7:30 am to 9:30 am) to minimize interference with your research. You will have a third training session shortly before your seminar is offered, held with your group members and your mentor. We will also have an optional whole-group meeting at the end of the academic year in which we discuss how to prepare your materials for job applications.

By participating, you commit to working in a team of three to plan and teach a course, and you must be present for each of the course meetings. Your course would be offered in winter (January 5 - March 20, 2015), spring (March 30 – June 12, 2015), or summer (Session A: June 22 - July 22, 2015) at either UW Bothell or, possibly, UW Seattle. You must be prepared to teach at either campus, depending on your assignment.

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| **Quarter** | **# of two hr meetings/wk** |
| Winter (January 5 - March 20) | 1 |
| Spring (March 30 – June 12) | 1 |
| Summer A | 2 |

After each class meeting, your team will debrief with one of the faculty mentors after class for up to an hour.

**Please complete this application, using a different colored font to indicate your answers. Then, post the completed application and your CV to this** [**website**](https://catalyst.uw.edu/collectit/dropbox/beccap/32604)**.**

Please direct questions about STEP to Dr. Becca Price, [beccap@uw.edu](mailto:beccap@uw.edu) or Dr. Jeff Jensen, [jsjensen@uw.edu](mailto:jsjensen@uw.edu). Please direct questions about submitting the application and UW Net IDs to Denise Barnes, [somevent@uw.edu](mailto:somevent@uw.edu).

Sincerely,

Dr. Becca Price and Dr. Jeff Jensen

Co-Directors, STEP Program

# Teaching statement

1. Why do you want to be a STEP Apprentice? (a few sentences)
2. What are your short-term and ideal long-term career paths?
3. When you are teaching, what is one goal you have for students to learn? How do you help them reach that goal? How do you determine whether they have reached that goal? Draw from any teaching experience you have had to explain your answer with a specific example. You can think of teaching in a traditional context—working with students in a classroom—but you may also draw from informal opportunities including coaching, holding office hours, tutoring, mentoring students in the lab, etc. 250 words maximum.
4. In your opinion, how do students learn best? What do you do—or what do you imagine doing—to help your students learn? 250 words maximum.

# Team teaching

## Your answer to the next two questions will help place you in a team with two other co-teachers.

1. How would you describe your current research in one-sentence to an undergraduate?
2. What are the key words you would look for in a job ad to find a match with your research expertise? Think broadly.

# Time Commitments

## The following questions are about scheduling and time commitments for STEP. We will let you know upon acceptance which campus you will teach at.

1. Can you commit to co-teaching a course this **winter** from January 5 - March 20 2015 on a day and time to be determined? The course would meet once a week at UW Bothell or, possibly, at UW Seattle

Yes No

1. Can you commit to co-teaching a course this **spring** from March 30 – June 12, 2015 on a day and time to be determined. The course would meet once a week at UW Bothell or, possibly, at UW Seattle

Yes No

1. Can you commit to co-teaching a course this **summer**? The course would meet *twice* a week at UW Seattle from June 22 - July 22, 2015 on days and time to be determined.

Yes No

1. We will have two 2-hour group meetings in the fall at UW Seattle. We currently plan to have one in late September and one in October. In the past, the one time we've been able to bring everyone together was from 7:30 - 9:30 AM. Would you be able to attend meetings at this time?

Yes No

# The Basics

1. Last Name:
2. First Name:
3. e-mail:
4. Institution (e.g., UW Seattle, FHCRC, etc.):
5. Department:
6. Mentor:
7. Current position:

# Demographics

1. Gender:
2. Ethnicity:
3. Through when are you guaranteed funding?
4. Total number of years since your Ph.D.:
5. When will you/did you start applying for faculty positions?

# Wrap up

1. Is there anything else that is pertinent to your application that you would like to tell us?
2. Save this file, using the naming convention of LastFirstApp.docx (e.g., PriceRebeccaApp.docx), and upload [here](https://catalyst.uw.edu/collectit/dropbox/beccap/32604) (the complete URL is <https://catalyst.uw.edu/collectit/dropbox/beccap/32604>).
3. Submit your CV to this same place, using the naming convention of LastFirstCV.docx (e.g., PriceRebeccaCV.pdf). CVs must be pdf or MS Word files.

Thanks for your interest in this program.