Dear Postdoc,

Thank you for your interest in the 2015-2016 STEP Program. Our mission is to engage a diverse pool of postdoctoral fellows at the University of Washington and affiliate institutions in a closely mentored apprenticeship to learn how to teach scientifically with inclusive, demonstrably effective, student-centered pedagogies. The program brings together a diverse group of postdocs with different backgrounds, different kinds of teaching experience, and different biological disciplines.

We anticipate that 24 spaces will be available for the 2015-2016 academic year. 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 2015. 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 4 - March 18, 2016), spring (March 28 - June 10, 2016), or summer (Session A: June 20 - July 20, 2016) at either UW Bothell or 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 4 - March 18) | 1 |
| Spring (March 28 – June 10) | 1 |
| Summer A (June 20 – July 20) | 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/barnem/36023).

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, [barnem@uw.edu](mailto:barnem@uw.edu).

Sincerely,

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| Dr. Becca Price  Executive Director, STEP Program | Dr. Jeff Jensen  Director, STEP Program |

# Teaching statement

1. Having teaching experience can be a useful skill to include in your CV. Why else do you want to be a STEP Apprentice? (a few sentences)
2. STEP fellows frequently ask their students to practice thinking critically. How would you teach your students to think critically? How would you know if you were successful at getting your students to think critically? 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.
3. 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 this question 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?

# Time Commitments

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

1. Can you commit to co-teaching a course in **winter** from January 4 - March 18 2016 on a day and time to be determined? The course would meet once a week at either UW Bothell or UW Seattle.

Yes No

1. Can you commit to co-teaching a course in **spring** from March 28 - June 10, 2016 on a day and time to be determined. The course would meet once a week at UW Bothell or 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 20 - July 20, 2016 on days and time to be determined.

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. What pronoun do you use to describe yourself (e.g., Becca typically uses *she* and *her* to describe *herself*)?
2. What is your ethnicity?
3. What is your race?
4. Are you a US Citizen?
5. Through when are you guaranteed funding?
6. Total number of years since your Ph.D.:
7. 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/barnem/36023) (the complete URL is <https://catalyst.uw.edu/collectit/dropbox/barnem/36023>).
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.