

Dear Colleagues:

I'm writing to inform you about two opportunities to engage the public, including tomorrow's researchers, and to build awareness of the important research underway at the UW.

The first opportunity is **Paws-on Science** which is an annual event showcasing UW research at the Pacific Science Center. The event, now entering its fourth year, is scheduled for Friday, April 5 through Sunday, April 7, 2013 at the Pacific Science Center.

During the past three years of Paws-on Science, nearly 800 UW scientists have shared their work through hands-on activities with close to 37,000 adults and children. A follow-up survey this year found that 99% of the visitors surveyed indicated they would return to next year's Paws-on Science weekend.

You can participate one day or all three days, at no cost. **If you're interested in taking part in the 2013 Paws-on Science, please fill out this survey OR send an email message with your name and research area to Taryn Echert at echert@uw.edu.** If you have any questions, please email Taryn or call her at 206.616.8160.

The other opportunity is the second annual [Science EXPO Day](#), on Saturday, June 8. The region's schools, universities, cultural institutions, research centers and businesses are coming together once again to celebrate the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to our community's culture and to its continued growth and prosperity.

Science expo will feature exciting, engaging events all day long throughout the grounds of Seattle Center. Over 15,000 students, parents, scientists, educators and other community members are anticipated to take part in this free to the public event. Science EXPO Day will showcase over 150 hands-on activities and demonstrations. Last year, 14 UW researchers had a booth at the Expo. Expo Day is part of the [Seattle Science Festival](#).

There is a fee to participate in Science Expo, however UW Marketing will be able to either fully or partially fund your booth (funding amount will be determined by how many groups request a booth). **If you have questions or are interested in participating in Science Expo, please contact Mary Jean Stephens at mjs47@uw.edu or call her at 206-221-6719.**

For both events you can sign up as an individual or as part of a team, and participation might fulfill grant outreach requirements.

