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Summer Institutes for Middle Level Science Teachers

Teachers of grades 5-9 are invited to apply to attend summer institutes at one of four college campuses nationwide.

Participants in the APAST/NSTA/NSF program will learn new teaching techniques, increase science content knowledge and develop networks with creative teachers and science educators from across the nation. They will apply the results of education research to their teaching and improve their leadership skills.

Each teacher will develop a science lesson unit incorporating hands-on activities learned at the institute. A monograph of each site's projects will be compiled following the institute, and teachers will be required to conduct one in-service in their school or school district. Presidential Awardees in Science Teaching will serve as instructional mentors.

Accepted participants will receive a travel allowance, room and board and a stipend. For further information, contact the appropriate site coordinator: Diane Burnett, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, (317) 494-7861; Dave Lockard, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, (301) 405-3165; George Weygand, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater MA, (508) 697-1386; Ron Nitsos, Southern Oregon State College, Ashland, OR, (503) 552-6798. The application deadline is March 15, 1994.

--J.M.H.

Toyota/NSTA TAPESTRY Grants

Grants allowing teachers to implement innovative environmental and physical science projects are being offered by TAPESTRY (Toyota's Appreciation Program for Excellence to Science Teachers Reaching Youth).

The program, co-sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., and the National Science Teachers Association, allows teachers of grades 6-12 to submit proposals for innovative one-year programs with budgets of up to \$10,000. These programs should enhance science education in their schools by increasing student interest and participation in science.

Proposal kits and applications are available by writing to TAPES-TRY, 1742 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009. The deadline for submitting applications is January 12, 1994.

--J.M.H.