

National Stem Cell Foundation Scholars

The National Stem Cell Foundation (NSCF) Scholars Program works to inspire creativity and passion among middle school science teachers, ten of whom are selected each year for this prestigious program. Scholars engage in hands-on, minds-on science activities, connect with speakers and thought leaders in STEM education, learn with skilled science educators, and develop a creative project for classroom implementation. Each class of scholars takes part in a one-week summer workshop at Western Kentucky University and a mid-year meeting. All expenses, including travel costs, materials, mentoring, and project supplies are covered by a grant from the National Stem Cell Foundation.

Little Learners, Big Ideas

The Little Learners, Big Ideas video series teaches educators and parents practical strategies to support curiosity and innovation in early childhood. The six-part series covers topics ranging from creative thinking to literacy, engagement, and learning from mistakes. The videos can be streamed at www.littlelearnersbigideas.org.

Travel with The Center

International travel/study tours provide opportunities to learn about the history, culture, and people of a selected region. Adults as well as eighth grade and high school honors students are welcome on the trips, which are offered each spring and fall.

Partner Organizations

Western Kentucky University is home to two gifted education organizations that provide resource networks for educators and parents as well as advocacy on the state, national, and international levels.

Kentucky Association for Gifted Education
www.kagegifted.org

World Council for Gifted and Talented Children
www.world-gifted.org

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THE CENTER FOR GIFTED STUDIES



Educator Opportunities



AP Summer Institute

In more than 30 years of training Advanced Placement teachers, the AP Summer Institute at WKU has provided professional development for 8,500 teachers from more than two dozen countries and all 50 states. That makes it one of the largest and longest-running College Board-certified institutes in the United States.

Both beginner and experienced workshops provide educators with lesson plans, materials, and ideas they need for a successful year of AP teaching, as well as a professional network to discuss issues relevant to their courses.

Instructors are certified College Board consultants who have served as AP exam readers or AP exam table leaders. Many have also published textbooks or helped write AP exams.

More than two dozen workshops covering the most popular Advanced Placement subjects are offered each summer during the one-week institute.

"This session revitalized my enthusiasm for my subject matter and teaching. I hate to leave this oasis of fellowship and knowledge!"

"In 30 years in education, I have attended countless hours of PD. This institute has been a joy."

Graduate Programs

The WKU College of Education and Behavioral Sciences offers the MAE in Gifted Education and Talent Development. The MAE has one pathway leading to certification and another with a research focus. Courses in gifted education and talent development may be applied to specialist and doctoral programs. For more information, visit www.wku.edu/gifted/mae.

Professional Development

The Center's staff has provided professional development for tens of thousands of teachers all over the United States and beyond. From one-hour presentations to multi-day workshops, The Center's experts are available to provide specialized training to schools and districts on a wide array of topics dealing with all aspects of gifted education and differentiation. Contact The Center to discuss the possibilities.

Gifted Education Seminars

A variety of one or two-day workshops throughout the school year provide opportunities to learn the latest information on topics related to gifted education. Experts from around the country present seminars at little to no cost for participants, thanks to the generosity of donors.

The Berta Seminar

Topic: Social-emotional needs of gifted children

Leadership Institute

Topic: Developing leadership in gifted students

Differentiation Workshop

Topic: Diversifying lessons and assignments for a range of learners

Twice-Exceptional Students Seminar

Topic: Educating gifted young people with one or more disabilities

Find program dates, register for workshops, or join our email list online

www.wku.edu/gifted