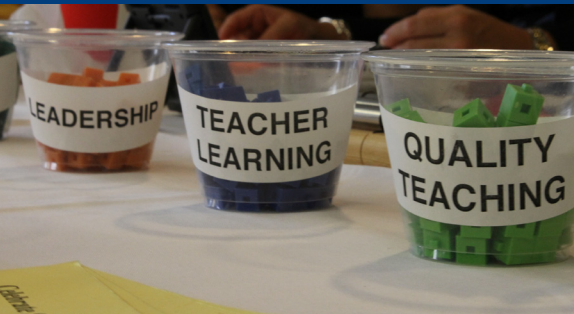


SCHOOL DIVISION SCIENCE COORDINATORS

Professional Development Program



VISTA has given me a great opportunity to network with others. In the training, we set goals and worked on a strategic plan with colleagues. It has helped me approach my job with more confidence.”

- Tom Fitzpatrick, Science Coordinator, Roanoke City Public Schools

High-performing teachers are typically chosen for the role of school division science coordinator but are often given little guidance as they step into it. This professional development program focuses on supporting new science coordinators and is a key part of the effort to build the state infrastructure in support of effective science teaching and learning.

The VISTA New Science Coordinator Academy focuses on building a statewide professional development infrastructure for science education leadership at the school division level and innovating science instruction for all students across the state.

Participants in this program work to hone science leadership skills, develop inquiry-based science strategic plans at the division level, develop effective teacher and leadership capacity through science communities of practice, and use data to make program decisions and improve student achievement.

School division personnel who have been responsible for the development of primary and secondary science curricula and science teacher professional development in all schools in their division for five years or less are eligible to apply.

PARTICIPANT SUPPORT

For one year, participants will receive:

- Participation in five-day academy located at George Mason University (three days fall, two days spring)
- \$2,000 stipend
- Meals, travel, and lodging paid for program participation if more than 25 miles from George Mason University
- All expenses paid to attend the Virginia Science Education Leadership Association (VSELA) conference in the fall



Knowing where the teachers are [professionally] and using data to help them decide where they need help has been valuable. Most teachers are enthusiastic and want to do the best job they can.”

- Diedra Cardamone, Math and Science Instructional Specialist, Warren County Public Schools

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