

NSF-Funded BIORETS Program at Western Michigan University

2026 Teacher Participant Application Form

NAME _____ APPLICATION DATE _____

SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL LOCATION _____

WORK EMAIL ADDRESS _____ WORK PHONE _____

PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PERSONAL PHONE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____
Street address City State Zip

ELIGIBILITY:

Please check box to indicate eligibility – applicant must meet all eligibility requirements.

Must be a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States

Must be able to work 40 hours per week for the entire 7-week term (June 15 – July 31, 2026)

Must teach or have taught at least one science class at a middle or high school in Southwest Michigan

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

Providing this information is optional. Our funding agency National Science Foundation seeks to track applicant demographics; information is only provided as a summary and no individual information is reported. Please check as many as apply.

- ☐ African American ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native ☐ Asian American ☐ Hispanic/Latino American
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ Puerto Rican ☐ White, non-Hispanic ☐ Other
☐ Decline to answer

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐ Decline to answer

Veteran of the US Armed Forces: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to answer

Person with Disabilities: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Decline to answer

THE TOP FOUR BIORETS FACULTY MEMBERS YOU ARE INTERESTED TO WORK WITH:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

INFORMATION ON THE SCIENCE CLASSES YOU HAVE BEEN TEACHING:

Name of the science class	Grade Level	Number of students	In which year did you teach this class?

RESUME:

Please submit a brief resume which includes your academic and work history.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Please include a one-page personal statement. You may explain: (1) the science classes and the student body that you teach; (2) why you are interested in this BIORETS program; and (3) what do you hope to learn from this program for you and your students. We are looking for highly motivated teachers who plan to translate what they have learned from the BIORETS program into curricular changes. Such changes are expected to help teachers to: (a) enrich classroom teaching practices; (b) deepen students' research literacy and engagement in STEM classes; and (c) inspire a larger population of students to pursue higher education and careers in STEM.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Please e-mail your application materials (resume, personal statement, and this application form) to bios-rets@wmich.edu.
2. Please have a letter of recommendation from your principal sent directly to bios-rets@wmich.edu. This program strives to promote the development of a competitive future STEM workforce. Students are the workforce of the future.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

In order to be considered for the BIORETS program, all application materials must have arrived electronically by midnight of **April 3, 2026**.