



**TWELFTH Annual
Boise State University Writing Project
Invitational Summer Institute and Fellowship Year**
*But this time with a science twist:
focus on science teaching and implementing the Next
Generation Science Standards*

Affiliated with the National Writing Project and sponsored by
Boise State University and the Idaho SDE

Pre-Institute April 8-9
Summer Institute: 18 arranged sessions between
June 6 – June 30, 2016

6 GRADUATE CREDITS for the Summer Institute – FREE
3 GRADUATE CREDITS for the Fellowship Year – FREE

- Discover opportunities for instructional leadership and thinking partnership
- Work with the latest in approaches and methods of science pedagogy, and of literacy practices that promote scientific understanding pedagogy
- Explore teaching and learning science in the classroom; explore and learn science in the community; provide thinking partnerships and support to other teachers.
- Share and work on your own teaching to implement the NGSS
- Network with innovative teachers in Idaho and across the country
- Enjoy a field trips and excursions to support our work
- Learn to teach more effectively through the use of reflection, principled practice, writing, multimodal forms of composition, and technology
- *Earn 9 graduate credits for free!* And much, much more!

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**Announcing the Twelfth Annual Invitational Summer Institute and Fellowship Year,
offered by the Boise State University Writing Project and
sponsored by the Idaho State Department of Education.**

We'll meet for 18 arranged sessions between June 6- June 30, 2016 at BSU
and throughout the 2016-2017 school year

Attached you will find a nomination form for our next Boise State University Writing Project
Invitational Summer Institute and fellowship year.

The summer institute is not a course in any conventional sense (we think of it as a collaborative
thinking partnership), but it does carry 6 graduate hours of credit which are fully covered by
BSWP and the Idaho State Department of Education. Housing, books, field trips and excursions,
many meals and much more are also fully covered. The program also involves a 3 credit follow-
up fellowship year.

The summer institute will **focus on implementing the Next Generation Science Standards**
through innovative instruction, and will focus on articulating principles of practice for teaching
threshold concepts and processes in the sciences. **You will experience** many activities to promote
teaching for scientific understanding, create a teaching demonstration, explore reading and
composing in the sciences, become familiar with local resources for teaching science, and much
more.

Our goals are to engage young people in science, cultivate excitement and passion for science,
and work towards deep understanding of processes, principles and concepts of science. We will
work towards these goals through active inquiry and problem-solving approaches and will
explore how literacy practices work as part of scientific problem-solving and knowledge-making.
We will apply what we learn **to teaching science in the classroom; teaching and practicing
science in the community and in the field; and to teaching and providing thinking
partnerships to other teachers.**

During the 2016-2017 fellowship year, you'll be assisted to become a coach and thinking
partner for other people who teach science. This will lead to many opportunities to become a paid
presenter and thinking partner through BSWP and the Idaho State Department.

The selection process is as follows:

- 1) nominate yourself or a colleague who you believe has the potential for teacher leadership
in teaching science,
- 2) based on those nominations, the nominee will be sent a brief application
- 3) interested teachers submit their applications to BSWP
- 4) applicants interview with current BSWP teachers on on March 4 or 5
- 5) 20 applicants will be invited to participate in the summer institute and fellowship year

Not only will you earn 9 free graduate credits, but you will also receive free books and materials,
many great experiences, field trips and excursions, guest presenters, and following: many
opportunities for paid teacher leadership and involvement in science leadership at the regional
and national levels.

- Deadline for nomination papers is **February 21, 2016** but are accepted immediately.
- Applications are due February 28, 2015.

Nominate yourself or a peer today!

Please make copies or send this on electronically to all interested parties!

Boise State University Writing Project Site Nomination Form

This is a(n) administrator self peer university parent nomination
(please circle one)

Name of nominee:

School:

Teaching/Administrative Assignment and Grade Level:

School Address:

Home Address:

Email addresses – please include both a school email and a personal email if you have one:

Briefly describe the nominee's interest and qualifications to be a National Writing Project Fellow focusing on science:

Send to Jeffrey Wilhelm, LA Building, Boise State University, 1910 University Drive,
Boise, ID 83725-1525 Email nominations accepted at jwilhelm@boisestate.edu
THANK YOU!