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## 2008-2009 Outreach Awards Program

### Program Information

The Outreach Awards program was established to help supplement the science teacher equipment budget. BSI believes that a hands-on approach is one of the best ways to teach science and to engage student learning. Outreach Awards can be used to purchase **durable** science equipment/materials, such as balances, anatomical models, microscopes, density kits, etc. Generally we **do not fund** consumables (chemicals, dissection animals or parts), fieldtrips, school textbooks, and AV/computer items.

Awards are given out twice a year and teachers may only receive one award per year. Grants will be awarded up to \$500 per application. All grant recipients are required to complete a written evaluation (BSI provides) following use of equipment/materials in the classroom.

### Eligibility

Priority for grant distribution will be given to teachers (any district) who participate in a BSI teacher workshop between May 2008 through April 2009, and to teachers in high need schools in the following districts: Adams 12, Adams 14, Adams 50, Aurora Public Schools(APS), Boulder Valley, Brighton, Cherry Creek, Denver, Englewood, Jeffco, Littleton, Mapleton, Sheridan and St. Vrain. Other teachers are eligible to apply, but will receive lower priority.

### Deadlines

- ✓ Winter applications are due November 28, 2008
- ✓ Spring applications are due April 17, 2009

**If you have any questions about the application or eligibility,  
please contact our office at (303) 492-8230 or [BSI@colorado.edu](mailto:BSI@colorado.edu).**

The Biological Sciences Initiative was established in 1989 by a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) to the University of Colorado at Boulder. With continued support from HHMI, BSI has been supporting Colorado science teachers for over 17 years. Please visit our website to learn more about our programs and how we can support you.

**<http://www.colorado.edu/Outreach/BSI>**

## OUTREACH AWARD APPLICATION

(please type or print legibly)

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School \_\_\_\_\_  
Grades you teach (all applicants) \_\_\_\_\_  
Classes you teach (all applicants) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Principal \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_  
(not to exceed **\$500**)

Directions: Please complete section A if your school district is not listed below. If your district is listed below, and you have attended a BSI workshop (between May 2008 and April 2009) please complete both sections A and B. *All applicants complete section C.*

**A.** Please list the BSI workshop and the date attended that make you eligible to apply. Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Please check your school district

\_\_\_\_\_ Adams 12    \_\_\_\_\_ Adams 14    \_\_\_\_\_ Adams 50    \_\_\_\_\_ APS  
\_\_\_\_\_ Boulder    \_\_\_\_\_ Brighton    \_\_\_\_\_ Cherry Creek    \_\_\_\_\_ Denver  
\_\_\_\_\_ Englewood    \_\_\_\_\_ Jeffco  
\_\_\_\_\_ Littleton    \_\_\_\_\_ Mapleton    \_\_\_\_\_ Sheridan    \_\_\_\_\_ St. Vrain

**C.** Tell us about your school (all applicants)

\_\_\_\_\_ % of students on free or reduced lunch  
\_\_\_\_\_ % of minority students  
\_\_\_\_\_ % attendance rate

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant(s))

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**All applications must be mailed and postmarked by the deadline date to be considered. Do not fax in your application.**

Please answer the following questions:

1. Title of Project
2. Describe the project and what materials are needed for implementation. In what ways will it benefit your current and future students?
3. Please detail your budget request. Include *specific* information, such as types of materials and equipment needed, sources of supplies, and exact costs.
4. One goal of this program is to fund innovative projects that have not previously been possible due to lack of money. How would your proposal further this goal?
5. Approximately how many students will benefit from this project? Will other teachers besides yourself, and students besides those in your own classroom, have access to the equipment purchased? Please explain.
6. How do you plan to assess the impact of your project, evaluating its successes and shortcomings?
7. If granted a BSI Outreach Award, do you have plans to supplement it with funding from any other sources?
8. Have you utilized any of the other opportunities offered by the Biological Sciences Initiative in the past (e.g., teacher workshops, Science Squad)? If so, does this project integrate or build upon any of those experiences/opportunities?
9. Have you received BSI Outreach Award(s) in prior years? If yes, does the project described here in any way relate to, or build upon, your prior award(s)? Describe if so.