



Science Communication Fellows Program

Are you a faculty member, graduate student, or post-doc interested in sharing your research with the general public? Become a Science Communication Fellow! The U-M Museum of Natural History uses the NSF-supported [Portal to the Public](#) guiding framework to bring scientists and public audiences together in face-to-face interactions that promote appreciation and understanding of current scientific research.

To become a Fellow, scientists participate in two free professional development workshops focused on building the skills to effectively engage public audiences. With guidance from Museum program staff, Fellows develop meaningful, inquiry-based and materials-rich table-top activities that showcase their research then share these activities with the public at two or more Museum events.

Workshop One: How People Learn – February 12, 2016, 2-5PM

Workshop Two: Prototyping Your Activity – March 12, 2016, 1-4PM

Fellows facilitate their activities for the general public during two of the following events:

- *Time* Discovery Day! – March 19, 2016, 1-4PM
- Fun Friday Night – April 8, 2016, 5-8PM
- “Scientist Spotlight” Sunday – May 22, 2016, 1-4PM
- Fall 2016 events, dates TBD

Fellow Benefits:

- Museum Science Communication Fellow certificate, for reference in a C.V., commending commitment to science communication and public engagement.
- Consultation and assistance in writing broader impact plans to fulfill grant and other outreach requirements.
- Opportunities to network with other scientists and researchers committed to public engagement as well as with education professionals.
- Complimentary Museum membership. As a Museum member, you're entitled to: Free admission to more than 300 museums and science centers around the world, free Planetarium passes, a 20% discount in the Museum Store, invitations to members-only events and exhibition openings, and more!

For more information or to submit an application, contact Alicia Comer, lisha@umich.edu or visit our website at <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/ummnh>.