

## **IAS Visiting Scientist Program**

Academy members are science researchers, science teachers and professors, engineers, and citizens interested in science. More than 250 Academy member scientists are interested in sharing information about their specialty with other Iowans. Out of this interest in communicating science to others, the Iowa Academy of Science Visiting Scientist Program has been born.

How does the Visiting Scientist Program work?

Iowa educators complete an application requesting a science visit. The Iowa Academy of Science staff match educator requests with the appropriate IAS member scientist. The Academy helps facilitate the visit planning. The scientist visits the school free of charge, meeting with students in small or large groups. The Academy provides a travel stipend to assist the scientist in visiting the school.

Who can apply for a scientist visit?

Any Iowa Academy of Science ISTS member may apply for a science visit to his or her classroom or school. The school contact or administrator of IAS member schools are also eligible to apply.

An application is located on page 30 of this handbook. All applications must be postmarked by the last Friday of January. Schools will be selected and notified by the end of February. School visits may take place any time between March 1st and June 30th.

What does IAS expect from the school?

The Academy expects the school to provide a location for the meeting and to confirm the date and time of the visit directly with the scientist. The Academy asks the school to take a photograph of the scientist's visit. The school should provide a copy of the photo (print or digital) and a completed photo release within two weeks of the scientist's visit. Visiting Scientist photographs may be used to promote the program in IAS print materials and on the IAS website. Schools are encouraged to submit the photograph to their local papers and to have students write thank you letters to the scientist. IAS requests that schools provide a copy of any publicity that results from the scientist visit.

# Iowa Academy of Science Visiting Scientist Program Application

Instructions: Complete the application form and sent to the Iowa Academy of Science, Attn.: Visiting Scientist, 175 Baker Hall, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614-0508. Be sure to complete the contact information, visitor request, and Visiting Scientist School Agreement. IAS can not process incomplete forms. Applications must be postmarked by the last Friday in January.

## Contact Information

Name of IAS Member/IJAS School Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (city) (state) (zip)

## Visit Request

Please select a type of school visit (check one):

### Class

class visit

multiple class visits

other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

### Large Group

school assembly

career day

### Small Group

science club

tag/other small group

How long would each presentation be?  30min  45-60min  half-day  other: \_\_\_\_\_

How many times would the scientist present? \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of students who will be reached by the visit: \_\_\_\_\_

IAS can match your request with a scientist who studies a specific science field or with a local scientist from any field. A scientist from a specific field will be able to talk to students about topics they are studying in a specific class. An engineer would make an ideal guest for a high school physics class, as would a prairie restoration expert for a class studying Iowa History. A local scientist may be a better choice for a career fair. **Please complete the section below to request a scientist that best fits your needs.**

Local Scientist. IAS attempt to find a scientist within your county, or an adjacent county.  
Please briefly describe the event/audience you are requesting a scientist for:

Specialist Scientist. What topic would you like the scientist to speak about: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please briefly describe the event/audience you are requesting a scientist for: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Visiting Scientist Agreement

### School contact agreement:

If my school is selected for the Visiting Scientist Program, I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the  
(Print)  
school contact agree to make all logistical arrangements with the scientist. This includes confirming the place and time of the visit with the scientist and arranging space within my school for the visit. Either my administrator or myself will make available to the Iowa Academy of Science a photograph of my students with the Visiting Scientist. Included with the photograph will be the first name and grade of all identifiable students.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### School administrator agreement:

If my school is selected for the Visiting Scientist Program, I, \_\_\_\_\_, as  
(Print)  
administrator of the school agree to ensure that a photograph of the scientist and my students is provided to the Iowa Academy of Science. The Iowa Academy of Science may use this photograph for non-profit promotional purposes in print and on the web. I or my staff will ensure that students whose parents object to their participation in such photographs are not included.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Iowa Academy of Science will notify all schools of the status of their request by the end of February. If you have any questions about your application, please contact IAS staff at (319) 273-2021 or [iascience@uni.edu](mailto:iascience@uni.edu).

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