

RET-SEE Professional Development Opportunity for Rural Oklahoma's STEM Educators

This exceptional professional development opportunity is exclusively for rural math and science teachers in Oklahoma and neighboring states. It is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, and facilitated by faculty from the OU College of Engineering and ECU College of Education.

Purpose: Rural teachers learning principles of sustainable energy engineering to bring back to your schools and classrooms

Qualifications: Anyone teaching STEM in a rural Oklahoma or surrounding state middle or secondary public school or community college is eligible to apply. Twelve teachers are accepted each year.

Applications must be submitted through the online form found [here](#). If you run into issues with submitting your documents via the Google Form, please e-mail them to ruralstem@groups.ou.edu.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date of birth: _____
Last First M.I. DD/MM/YYYY

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit#

City State Zip Code

Birth city and state: _____ If outside the U.S.: _____
City State Country

Ethnicity:	White/Caucasian	African American	Gender:	Male
	Hispanic	Asian		Female
	Native American	Pacific Islander		Transgender
	Other			Other

Applicant Education

Undergraduate

School Name: _____ Location: _____ Years Attended: _____ Major: _____ Degree: _____

Graduate

School Name: _____ Location: _____ Years Attended: _____ Major: _____ Degree: _____

School Information

School(s) in which you currently teach: _____

School District: _____
Name *Town* *County*

Total years... Teaching in this school: _____
Teaching in rural schools: _____
Teaching Math/Science: _____
Teaching in K-12 schools: _____

Classes you currently teach: _____

Additional Information Required

You will also need to submit the following materials to for your online application:

1. **Two letters of support** from your principal, superintendent, teaching colleagues, or faculty members in your discipline that address:
 - a. How the individuals are acquainted with you and your work and
 - b. The quality of your work and potential for success through the RET program.
2. A **resume** or curriculum vitae.
3. A **personal statement** of 500-1000 words that describes:
 - a. Why you are interested in this program
 - b. How you expect it to enhance your teaching of science and mathematics.
 - c. Your immediate and long term goals as an educator.
 - d. What it means to you to teach in a rural school. Include some examples that illustrate your rural teaching experiences.
4. An **autobiographical statement** (150-200 words) in third person format. Highlight your academic achievements (including any post-graduate training) and professional interests, including honors, awards, publications, presentations, and co-curricular involvement, and the activities in your past that demonstrate your interest in teaching.

Certification of Accuracy and Intent to Commit

Please check the boxes of the following statements:

- I certify that all the statements I have made on this application are correct and complete, and I hereby authorize the selection panel of the Research Experience for Teachers (RET) project to make all necessary eligibility checks with the information provided.

- The commitment to resources to one teacher means that another applicant cannot participate. Therefore, we ask that each applicant verify ability to commit and intent to complete all of the project activities.*
I have read the informational materials sent out to potential applicants and posted on the project website. I verify that I can commit to the activities required for this project, and that I intend to complete them all.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____
You may type your full name here or use digital signature feature in Adobe *DD/MM/YYYY*

Please do not forget to submit your two letters of support, resume, personal statement, and autobiographical statement in addition to this application form. [You can submit your application materials here.](#)

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