

Call for Exhibitors & Presenters for the *STEM Careers Fair*

Dates of STEM Careers Fair: September 27-28, 2013

Deadline: Submit exhibitor/presenter information to (Craig Fisher, 703-292-8070, STEMfair@nsf.gov), by **July 30, 2013**

U.S. Representative Frank Wolf and the National Science Foundation (NSF) are co-sponsoring the STEM Careers Fair in September 2013. The Careers Fair will showcase exciting science and innovation with the goal of encouraging young people, especially in grades 7-12, to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The fair will also increase public awareness of the exciting science and innovation enabled by investments in research and education.

The fair provides an opportunity for science-related organizations to showcase some of the amazing STEM research and education activities taking place throughout the United States and to highlight the vast diversity of STEM career possibilities. Projects and programs participating in the Careers Fair will benefit from this opportunity to demonstrate the value of their activities and outcomes to a large public audience.

More details regarding the STEM Careers Fair:

- NSF and Rep. Wolf encourage organizations to participate, and spread the word about the opportunity for others to participate, in the STEM Careers Fair; also please help us publicize the fair.
- Please provide a contact and descriptions of proposed exhibits/presentations to Craig Fisher, NSF Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, 703-292-8070, STEMfair@nsf.gov, by **July 30, 2013**. The information form below must be completed for each exhibit/presentation, in order to plan logistics, space and infrastructure.
- The fair will be located at the Dulles Town Center Mall, 21100 Dulles Town Center Circle, Dulles, Virginia 20166.
- The dates of the fair will be Friday-Saturday, September 27-28, 2013, with set up on Friday morning.
- The fair will include indoor and outdoor exhibit and stage areas.
- Exhibitors/presenters will be responsible for travel, transport, shipping expenses and accommodations if needed. Organizations with which they are associated are encouraged to help with those expenses whenever possible. The event organizers will provide some infrastructure, including limited numbers of tables and chairs, electricity, lighting and possibly sound systems.

- Suggested criteria for exhibits:
 - Exhibits should have hands-on learning component.
 - Exhibits should be highly interactive and engaging.
 - Exhibits should be targeted at 7th grade and above.
 - Generally, exhibits will be limited to a 10' x 10' space; one 8' x 40" table and two chairs will be provided for each exhibit by event organizers.
 - Larger space, outdoor and stage areas are available upon request.
 - Electricity is available upon request.
 - Exhibitors must be able to participate in the fair on Friday, Sept. 27 (set up 7-10 am; exhibit hours 10 am-7 pm), and Saturday, Sept. 28 (exhibit hours 10 am-5pm; tear down after 5 pm).
 - Exhibitors must have two to three people on site at all times.

- Criteria for stage presenters:
 - Demonstrates or explains STEM concept.
 - Entertains while teaching.
 - Able to fit onto a stage.
 - Able to schedule several presentations during the two days of the fair.

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