Partner with Nature Museum educators and scientists to incorporate real world science, authentic learning opportunities, and unique resources into your classroom instruction.

Teachers in grades K, 3, and 4 are invited to join the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum’s Science Teaching Network, a grant-funded teacher professional development program focused on best practices in science instruction, the Next Generation Science Standards, and local nature and science topics.

**Professional Development Highlights**

- Attend the **Summer Institute** (three and a half days) at the Nature Museum to explore an NGSS-aligned curriculum and make connections to local ecosystems.
- Receive an **NGSS aligned nine-lesson curriculum** with all included materials.
- Participate in **three Saturday PD workshops** to support curriculum implementation, reflection on science teaching practices, and teacher collaboration.
- Observe one Nature Museum educator-taught lesson in your classroom.
- Take a free field trip to the Nature Museum and receive a full bus reimbursement.
- Earn a stipend of up to $200 and 36 professional development clock hours.

**Freshwater Flashback** (Grades 3–4)

**JULY 16–19 OR JULY 23–26**

NGSS: 3-LS3-2, 3-LS4-1, 4-ESS3-2

What lives in—or used to live in—Chicago’s Great Lakes environment? Students will examine evidence of the ways local freshwater ecosystems have changed over time.

**Nature in the City*** (Grade K)

**AUGUST 6–9**

NGSS: K-ESS3-1, K-ESS2-2

Take a walk around the neighborhood—what plants and animals will you see? Use observations, discussions, and scientific drawings to explore ecosystems on the ground, in the trees, and near buildings.

*Recently updated to support beginning-of-the-year kindergarten students.

**Apply Today!**

To participate, teachers must apply and be selected to enroll. Priority is given to teams of two or more teachers in high-needs schools. Teachers from the same school who teach different grades can attend different institutes. Each teacher must submit a separate application.

[naturemuseum.org/stn](http://naturemuseum.org/stn)

Looking for options during the school year? Check out our Science on the Go program for grades K-8: [naturemuseum.org/sog](http://naturemuseum.org/sog)