Seeking Applications for Management Positions in Support of Network Member Sites

The National Science Foundation funded the next phase of the Teen Science Café Network. The program plan for this phase calls for a new management structure for support of member sites. This involves the hiring of up to 5 “Guides” to work with us in the National Resources Center as an integrated team.

Upon the launch of the new NSF grant, we issued a call for interest in applying for a Guide position. Then the process was short-circuited by Covid-19. Virtually all sites in the Network were forced to shut down.

Now with the widespread availability of vaccines and the dramatic decrease in infection rates, we anticipate that schools will re-open, member sites will be re-starting their teen café programs, and we will begin to receive a flow of new member applications. Thus, it is time for us to re-issue a call for interest in applying for a Guide position. We plan to phase in the hiring of Guides over the next few months commensurate with the rate of increase of new membership applications.

The primary responsibility of a Guide is to recruit new members, and provide professional development and mentoring that will allow them to successfully operate a teen café program. Guides will also support existing members as needed and participate in the recruiting of new members.

When full normality has returned and a full compliment of Guides is in place, it is envisioned that each Guide will manage a “cohort” (a subset) of Network members.

Hires will be based on the qualifications and commitment of the applicant, demonstrated success in running a teen café program, and evidence of strong support from their home institution. Ideally, the Guide will have connections to key social and professional networks from which to recruit new members.

Guides will work 40% time on their TSCN work and be paid 40% salary, with no institutional overhead.

The ideal Guide will have the talent to inspire individual members of her/his sub-network to create and enhance their teen café programs, lead opportunities for professional development of sub-network members, and work collaboratively with other Guides and the NRC as a management team.

Interested? If so, please send us 1) a statement detailing your suitability for the position, 2) a résumé, and 3) evidence of institutional commitment.

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