Founded in 1972, Michigan Technological University’s Summer Youth Programs (SYP) offers middle and high school students opportunities for hands-on learning and career exploration in a wide-variety of fields and to experience college life in a fun, engaging, and safe setting. We aspire to spark curiosity, discovery, and critical soft skill development in exceptional young people from around the world.

The SYP Visiting Instructor Program is currently accepting proposals from educators to design and deliver a week-long course during our 2022 Summer Youth Programs.

Visiting Instructor Program 2022: Rising to Meet the Challenges of Tomorrow
Application Deadline: Monday, November 1, 2021

Course Criteria

Proposals for courses should meet the following criteria:

- Subject area related to the year’s theme
  - Rising to Meet the Challenges of Tomorrow: We are experiencing a period of rapid change; technologically, environmentally, and socially. To meet the needs of tomorrow, we must begin to formulate solutions today. Courses meeting this theme will educate students on a challenge or need we will encounter in the next ten years, the groundwork being laid today to address this challenge or need, areas for improvement and investigation, and careers related to the potential solution.

- Consist of 31.5 contact hours with students
  - Daily schedule is 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:15 pm - 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday

- Courses should prioritize hands-on activities and showcase related careers
  - A budget of $400 will be allocated for course supplies and activities
  - Day trips to local places of relevancy, campus facilities, etc. are encouraged

- Accommodate 15 middle school students (Grades 6-8) or 20 high school students (Grades 9-11) with varying levels of background knowledge of course content
  - A teaching assistant may be available (with your assistance in selection) for courses whose enrollment reaches or exceeds 12 participants
  - We will do our best to meet your classroom or lab space & equipment needs. If specific software, equipment, or physical space is necessary for your proposed activities, please reach out to us during your proposal development to discuss available options.
Compensation & Benefits

Selected Visiting Instructors will receive:

- Salary of $725.00
- Up to $350 reimbursement for travel costs to and from Michigan Tech’s campus*
- On-campus lodging and meal plan**
- A scholarship for a student from their school to attend an SYP course of their choice**

*Travel reimbursement and lodging will be provided for educators located 30+ miles from Michigan Tech’s campus. Receipts for travel should be submitted to the Center for Educational Outreach for reimbursement.

**All educators will be provided lunch each day. If off-campus lodging is preferred, a stipend of $375 will be provided. Unfortunately, we cannot assist with securing off-campus housing.

**Scholarships will only be available for Summer Youth Programs 2022 tuition-based courses with seats remaining at the time of application.

Selection Expectations

Educators chosen as Visiting Instructors are expected to:

- Submit all required course materials according to program deadlines
- Consent to and pass a background check
- Satisfy all required Summer Youth Programs Instructor and minors-related program trainings (approximately 3 hours) and code of conduct requirements
- Develop a course itinerary fulfilling all 31.5 contact hours according to the daily schedule
- Participate in Monday morning and Friday morning instructor meetings during the week in which the course is taught
- Submit necessary follow-up on course

Application

To apply, please send a proposal which includes the following to syplogic@mtu.edu:

- Cover letter describing your interest in being selected for this opportunity
- Professional Resume
- Letter of Recommendation from another educator or school administrator
- Course title and a 250-word description of proposed content
- The target age level for your course (middle or high school)
- General outline of course itinerary
- 3-4 student learning outcomes
- Your scheduling preference for 2022 course dates:
  - Week 1: June 19-25
  - Week 2: June 26-July 2
  - Week 3: July 10-16
  - Week 4: July 17-23
  - Week 5: July 24-30

Up to two courses may be proposed per educator. If proposing more than one course, please combine both proposals into one deliverable.

Visiting Instructor Program Timeline
• Proposals are due to the Center for Educational Outreach no later than 5:00 pm EST on Monday, November 1, 2021
• Proposal selections will be announced no later than November 19, 2021
• Instructor Trainings will take place online late May/early June 2022
• Detailed itinerary, course budget, and supplies list will be due one month prior to the start of the course
• Course will take place during SYP 2022 program dates
  ○ Upon selection into the Visiting Instructor Program, your hiring is contingent upon student enrollments and passing a background check. Summer Youth Program courses will only run if at least 10 students are enrolled in the program one month prior to the start of the course.

If you have any questions about the Visiting Instructor Program, please contact syplogic@mtu.edu. We look forward to reviewing your proposal!