Become a STEM Ambassador



About STEMAP

The STEM Ambassador Program (STEMAP) trains scientists to develop innovative public engagement activities with an emphasis on reaching audiences who cannot or do not engage with science in conventional venues. Ambassadors design engagement activities in collaboration with community groups that share common research or personal interests or experiences.



STEMAP alumni activities include:

- An urban planner studying water conservation engaged people in a horticulture job training program at the Salt Lake County Jail in a discussion about xeriscaping;
- An ornithologist drew on her skills as a musician to write and perform music inspired by bird migrations; and
- A group of female scientists discussed STEM careers with high school girls and teachers at a state-wide interactive technology conference.



Why become an Ambassador?

- To promote increased public access to science:
- To interact with other scientists and build meaningful relationships in the local community;
- To design and carry out innovative engagement work that will make CVs and NSF Broader Impacts stand out.

Training

STEMAP requires a time commitment of 14 hours of training over 3 months plus additional time to implement engagement activities. The spring training cohort will run from January 19th to April 19th, 2024 and will be conducted in a hybrid format with in person and remote components. In-person meetings and workshops will take place in the Gardner Commons building on campus.

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Apply here by Dec. 15th!