



New York Sea Grant and The Long Island Sound Study are Currently Accepting Applications for Mentor Teachers

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Stony Brook and Queens, New York - New York Sea Grant and The Long Island Sound Study (LISS) are currently accepting applications from educators for this year's Long Island Sound Mentor Teacher program in New York. Pairs of teachers from each of the following grade level subsets are encouraged to apply: 5-8 and 9-12. Three teams of two Mentor Teachers will be selected (or formed), and each pair will work together to plan and execute a professional development session for their peers that will center on a topic relevant to the Long Island Sound. Topics especially encouraged will incorporate climate change adaptations, sea-level rise, and ecological health.

New York Sea Grant will offer guidance and funding support to the selected Mentor Teachers to help them plan, develop, promote, and prepare for the workshop. There is also funding for each pair to provide a required outdoor component as part of the session. Each teacher will receive a \$1,200 stipend, a programming budget, and access to Long Island Sound Study resources for their workshop and participants.

The [Long Island Sound Mentor Teacher](#) (LISMT) program is sponsored by New York Sea Grant and funded by the EPA Long Island Sound Study national estuary program. The program goals are to promote the use of Long Island Sound educational resources and to promote interdisciplinary learning about the Long Island Sound watershed and its resources in K-12 classrooms.

How to apply:

Complete the [application form](#) no later than **Date April 29, 2022**.

The application will ask you to submit a current resume or CV. It will also require you to provide a 2-3 paragraph statement, which you can upload or write directly on the form. The statement should describe:

- a) Why you would like to be a LIS Mentor Teacher
- b) Your ideas for the workshop, which must 1) be designed for use in the classroom, the field, or for remote learning, 2) align with the Next Generation Science Standards or the New York State Science Learning Standards* and 3) include a field component related to Long Island Sound to take place within the Long Island Sound watershed.

*Please be specific about the Standards your workshop would address (example: ESS2-4: developing a model to describe the cycling of water through Earth's systems).

Details to know before applying:

- 1) Educators are encouraged to apply, having already found a partner educator to develop the workshop with them. (If applying as a team, only one of the team members is required to apply; the application will ask the applying educator to submit their partner's information). Applicants who apply without another educator in mind, if selected, will be paired up with another independent applicant and both will have to work together to consolidate their ideas into a single workshop.
- 2) Ideal workshops should be interdisciplinary, hands-on, and offer a variety of lessons and activity ideas for workshop participants. The program will provide a budget for Mentor Teachers to provide participants with take-home materials for their use in the workshop, etc.
- 3) Previous LIS Mentor Teachers are encouraged to apply!
- 4) The application review process will take about 3-5 weeks, after which all applicants will be contacted with the results.
- 5) The Long Island Sound Study's NY Outreach Coordinators will work with the selected Mentor Teachers to offer support and guidance throughout the workshop development process. Mentor Teachers are expected to dedicate at least 40 hours to the preparation of the workshop.
- 6) The 2022 Long Island Sound Study Mentor Teacher workshops will take place in the Fall, on a date to be chosen by the selected Mentor Teachers and the LISS Outreach Coordinators. The workshops must take place in New York before October 30, 2022.
- 7) In the case that we are not able to conduct in-person workshops due to precautionary measures, the LISS coordinators will work with presenters to adjust workshops and present them online.

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