



Call for Applications:

Advancing the Introductory Biology Experience

A conference to develop a unified vision for undergraduate introductory biology

Presented by the National Association of Biology Teachers Introductory Biology Task Force

Hosted by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Chevy Chase, Maryland

August 7-9, 2019

[The National Association of Biology Teachers](#) (NABT) Introductory Biology Task Force (IBTF) invites undergraduate introductory biology instructors from 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities, and high school AP Biology/dual enrollment instructors to submit an application to participate in a conference on Advancing the Introductory Biology Experience. We also encourage representatives from professional societies and other organizations involved in the support or study of undergraduate introductory biology courses to submit an application to attend.

The *Advancing the Introductory Biology Experience* Conference will take place at the [Howard Hughes Medical Institute](#) in Chevy Chase, Maryland from August 7-9, 2019. Additional information regarding the conference agenda, registration, and lodging will be provided in acceptance notifications. Accommodations and meals during the conference will be provided by HHMI. Possible travel support may also be available to eligible participants.

The conference seeks to promote a more unified vision for undergraduate introductory biology courses taught at community colleges, four-year colleges, universities, and in high schools (e.g., AP Biology and dual-enrollment courses). The introductory biology course serves as the starting point for many students on diverse pathways in STEM and is often the terminal undergraduate science course for non-STEM majors. The conference will provide a platform for participants to discuss and share education reform ideas, activities, and other tested methods with fellow instructors from a diversity of institutions. Attendees will help develop directives and action plans with the overall goal of increasing successful implementation of standards and best practices that improve science practice skills in introductory biology--regardless of content focus (e.g. majors vs. non-majors)---for ALL students.

Our hope is that the conference will create a collaborative network of practitioners and investigators and an inclusive environment, where instructors and other stakeholders can promote and implement a unified vision for the Undergraduate Introductory Biology course of the future.

Please use the link below to submit your application to attend this conference. **Applications are due by May 1, 2019.**

<https://forms.gle/UU1JSdTNJfwjuasM7>

For more information regarding the *Advancing the Introductory Biology Experience* conference, please contact Anna Hiatt at ahiatt@unl.edu.

