

SCL Science Educator Ambassador Pilot for SFUSD

Collaborate with other SFUSD science teachers to design and test film-based lessons that deepen student engagement and belonging in science.

Overview

The Science Communication Lab (SCL), in collaboration with 2026 SCL Ambassador and SFUSD teacher-leader **Tess Carlson**, is launching an educator cohort to support **middle and high school biology and environmental science teachers** in integrating film-based, hands-on learning into SFUSD core curriculum.

This professional learning opportunity is designed to strengthen student engagement, science identity, and deeper understanding of how science works, outcomes that support equity and belonging in science classrooms. Teachers will also expand their practice through storytelling and authentic real-world science connections that make core content more meaningful for students.

Participants will join a supportive community of SFUSD science educators to design, implement, and reflect on new lessons together. Teachers will gain access to high-quality films and resources while building strategies to support engagement and belonging in their classrooms.

What Teachers Will Do

Participants will:

- Attend 5 collaborative professional learning sessions (virtual + in-person)
- Co-design 1–2 supplementary lessons using an SCL film aligned with SFUSD units
- Pilot at least one lesson in their classroom
- Reflect on student learning and refine lessons collaboratively
- Lead at least one virtual workshop to share their work with other SFUSD teachers

What Teachers Gain

Participants will:

- Expand their teaching practice through storytelling and narrative science
- Collaborate with SFUSD colleagues to co-design lessons
- Develop strategies for academic discourse and student participation
- Receive coaching and feedback during implementation
- Access award-winning SCL science films and instructional resources

Honorarium: \$1,900 for participation

Travel stipend: \$100 for two in-person meetings

Time Commitment

Date	Workshop Topic	Details
Aug 5, 2026	Inspiration + planning	In-Person Kickoff (full day)
Sept 10, 2026	Curriculum development	Virtual Evening session (1.5hrs)
Oct 8, 2026	Practical guidance on implementation and evaluation	Virtual Evening session (1.5 hrs)
Oct - Dec 2026	Optional support	Virtual Office Hours/Coaching
Mar 20, 2027	Presentations and reflections on curriculum implementation	In-Person Summit (half day)
April 15, 2027	Preparation for ambassador-led workshops	Virtual Evening session (1.5hrs)
Aug - Sept 2027 (TBD)	Ambassador-led workshops for SFUSD peers	Virtual Evening Ambassador-Led workshops (1-1.5hrs)

Who Should Apply

SFUSD middle and high school educators who teach biology or environmental science.

Deadline to Apply:
May 15, 2026

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Selection Announcement: June 2, 2026

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