

AAPT/PTRA 2014 Institute Application

The 2014 AAPT/PTRA (Physics Teacher Resource Agent) Trainer Institute will be held July 23-26, 2014 in Minneapolis, Minnesota just prior to the national AAPT summer meeting. The institute will consist of 3 days of training in topics that have been identified as target areas for future grants and workshops.

In an effort to make the best use of the funds we have and ensure expenditures are commensurate with objectives of the program, the following requirements were determined by the oversight committee to be necessary for the trainer institute:

- Participants must be members of national AAPT and be registered to attend the full AAPT summer meeting before attending the PTRAs Institute.
- The number of attendees will be limited and all attendees must submit an application. Those selected must agree to fulfill the obligations as described in this application.
- Participants, or their schools, must agree to support and partially fund expenses for those attending. AAPT/PTRA will pay up to \$500/person for travel. The participant is expected to cover all other expenses such as AAPT Summer Meeting registration. Payment of full registration for the summer meeting is also a requirement, as stated in first bullet.
- Participants will be responsible for helping develop online resources and curriculum on topics covered during the institute.

As the AAPT/PTRA program moves forward, we are excited about the challenges and opportunities that are ahead. It is an exciting time to be involved with a program that has such a rich history and reputation. It is also a challenge to continue to try to stay ahead of the curve when educational changes seem to be at full throttle and funding is tight. Change can also be painful to those who are reluctant to embrace it or understand the need for change. Hopefully, as current teachers in the classroom, you understand how quickly things are changing and you are ready to take on the new challenges.

To equip PTRAs to move forward with regard to technology, standards, engineering, etc. we will need to have a very dedicated, talented, and diverse group of people who are willing to help with these efforts. The summer institute is critical to moving forward and therefore the attendees must be carefully selected. Unfortunately, current funding does not allow us to pay for all of the expenses of the attendees. It is our hope that participants can see the big picture and realize that they are investing in something that will have a huge impact on physics education across the nation. We are asking for an investment of time and money from participants with the hope that these will be reclaimed as you present workshops to peers using the knowledge and skills learned at the institute.

The AAPT executive office and the PTRAs oversight committee are working diligently to seek individuals and organizations that are also willing to invest in our efforts.

We truly believe that PTRA is heading into a new, or next generation, of physics professional development opportunities. We are proud of the past and excited about the future. We hope you share that excitement and commitment. If you do, please fill out the application form below and return to Karen Jo Matsler (kmatsler@me.com) before Feb. 27, 2014. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Jo or Pat Callahan (oversight committee chair) at PTCallahan@aol.com.

Thanks for all you have done and continue to do for teachers.
Karen Jo Matsler, National PTRA Director
Pat Callahan, Oversight Committee Chair

Name:

Home Address:

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School Name and Address:

Current position:

What have you contributed to PTRA in the past 2 years?

What do you feel you can contribute to the new PTRA program efforts?

How do you see yourself as an active educator (e.g., practicing teacher and/or peer mentor)?

How will your efforts, as a PTRA, be supported by your school? (if you are a practicing teacher)