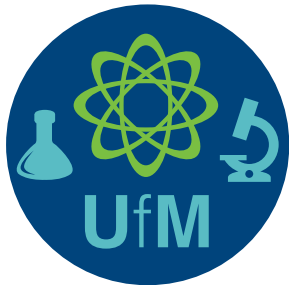


GEAR UP



Units *for* Materials

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Mini-Grant Information Session and Workshop

Presenter: **Dr. Paloma Vargas**, Science Coordinator

Are you a GEAR UP teacher looking to incorporate new manipulatives and methods into teaching science and math?

Apply for Units for Materials Mini-Grant!

In this session you will:

- Collaborate with others educators
- Learn about the Units for Materials application process
- Brainstorm ideas for innovative units
- Begin application process with STEM lead

2 CPDUs will be provided | All participants must register!

Register at: rc.c4cas.org

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Units *for* Materials

Do you want to incorporate a novel science-teaching tool to your curriculum, but lack the materials to do so? Then apply for Units for Materials Mini-Grant! We award materials to teachers as our way to help teachers motivate students to develop a love of science. We are looking for instruction that is rigorous, relevant to students, rooted in trusting relationships, and promotes reflection for teachers and students. By submitting your unit, you have agreed to allow the Center for College Access and Success to share it with other teachers on the NEIU-CCAS or GEAR UP website.

How to apply? Write a unit plan, using the mini-grant application that includes the reasoning for use the material(s) you are requesting. Submit your application and, if approved, we will purchase the materials you need for the unit. You implement the unit in your classroom and provide documentation to GEAR UP. **Required documentation is due within one month of completing classroom implementation.**

Who is eligible? Teachers from GEAR UP schools and certain CCAS partner schools are eligible to apply.

How are units evaluated? We will use the Unit Plan Checklist to evaluate units. Outstanding units may be posted on our website and/or teacher writers may be invited to present them to colleagues

Your Unit Plan Application Must Include:

- 1. Units for Materials Mini-Grant Application & Planning Template**
- 2. Unit Overview:** Use a calendar or schedule to reveal how your unit will be delivered to students over 15 class sessions.
- 3. Detailed One-Day Lesson Plan:** Use a lesson plan format of your choice. Your lesson plan should demonstrate interactive teaching and learning. Include Illinois State Learning Standards.
- 4. Signed Match Form:** Help us meet federal requirements for matching funds by documenting your unpaid work time spent developing your unit.

Documenting your Unit Implementation

- 5.** Complete the **Units for Materials Reflection** form.
- 6.** Submit 3-4 student self-assessments or samples of student work
- 7.** Submit digital photos and/or video along with an explanation of the content. A GEAR UP staff member may be able to help with documentation.
- 8.** You will receive the **Units for Materials Certificate of Completion.**

Sharing Your Work with Colleagues

Units for Materials Website: Outstanding units will be posted on our website for other teachers to adapt.

Units Presentations: You may be invited to present your work at an iMATHination Conference.

We Can Help Attend a quarterly UfM mini-grant writing workshop at CenterSpace, look on our website for the next workshop opportunity: rc.c4cas.org. UfM application materials can be found on the iMATHination website: www.chicagogearup.org/imathination

Talk with a GEAR UP PD specialist or another teacher who has completed a unit.

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