



Application for Admission to the Science Education Research Fellows Program of the WestConn Institute for Science Education Research II (WISTR II)

In response to the growing need for qualified science teachers, the WestConn Institute for Science Teacher Research II (WISTR II) Fellows Program has been established to promote teaching science as a career for science majors. This program encourages students to engage in teacher collegiality, fellowship and pedagogy so that they may make a well-informed commitment to a teaching career. WISTR contributes to the competitive recruitment of students majoring in secondary science education, or students who are considering teaching at the university level. The WISTR II program will provide training in the implementation of research methods.

Recipients of the Fellowship will be awarded \$3,000 each towards tuition for the 2008-09 academic year. Fellows must agree to participate in an 8-day workshop (July 7 – 10, 14 – 17) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and register for faculty developed study or senior research with one of the three WISTR science faculty during the fall 2008 or spring 2009 semester, possibly fulfilling your senior research project requirement (must include an applied science education component in classroom instruction or assessment). Students will receive remuneration for the fall semester after showing evidence of attending all summer workshops, and then for the spring after showing evidence of completing a research action plan (educational proposal) with associated timeline and classroom visit.

Applications Due April 20

Name: _____

Student ID number: _____

Home address: _____

Campus address: _____

Telephone number and E-mail address: _____

Science major or planned science major: _____

I, _____, recognize that if I am awarded this Fellowship I must participate in an 8-day workshop (July 7 – 10, 14 – 17) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and register for faculty-developed study with one of the three WISTR science faculty during the fall 2008 or spring 2009 semester.

Signature _____

Date _____

Supporting information

A. Please provide a list and brief description of your current and recent (within the last two years) extracurricular activities (if more space is needed please use a separate sheet):

B. Please provide names and telephone numbers or e-mail addresses of two professional references who can provide information about your academic preparedness and record.

Personal statement

C. Please provide a brief statement about your interest in becoming a science teacher. How will becoming a WISTR fellow in science education help you be a better teacher? Please include strengths you would bring to the program and what you expect to gain from participating. Please mail the completed application to: Theodora Pinou, WISTR program director, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Western Connecticut State University, 181 White Street, Danbury, Conn., 06810. Applications may also be hand-delivered to Cathy De Sisto, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences Office, Science Building, Room 220.
