European Geosciences Union – General Assembly



**Geosciences information for teachers (GIFT) workshop 2020**

**Water in the solar system**

Austria Center, Vienna, May 4th – 6th, 2020

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION FORM

GIFT-2020 will take place in Vienna, May 4-6, 2020, during the General Assembly of the European Geosciences Union. It will be preceded on Sunday May 3 by a guided visit to the splendid Vienna Natural Sciences Museum, one of the most renowned in the world.

The theme of this workshop, is « Water in the solar system ». Over two and a half days, the workshop will explore key aspects of water on Earth and on the planets, through topical presentations from scientists at the cutting-edge of research, together with hands-on teaching activities, following the tradition of GIFT workshops.

Teachers are also invited on a voluntary basis, to present ‘out-of-the official program activities’ that they may have developed with their pupils in the poster session « Science in future Classrooms » which is an integral part of the GIFT workshop.

Interested teachers should apply using the application form below, to be sent either to the national representative of the Committee on Education of EGU (listed below) or directly to [education@egu.eu](mailto:education@egu.eu)

**The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 30th November each year.**

Teachers will be notified of the results of their application by mid-December each year. Successful teachers will be largely sponsored (travel, living expenses in Vienna and registration to the General Assembly, as well as free public transportation in Vienna).

**Application to participate in the 2018 GIFT Teachers workshop**

### EGU General Assembly May 4 – 6, 2020, Vienna Austria

### Water in the solar system

Grants are available to support teachers to participate in the 2020 Geosciences Information for Teachers (GIFT) Symposium at the 2020 European Geosciences Union (EGU) General Assembly in Vienna, Austria. Selected teachers will receive a travel /hotel stipend and free registration to the meeting.

Participating teachers will be selected, based on their teaching experience and a supporting statement from their school administration. Selected teachers will be expected to attend the entire workshop and submit a statement within one year after the workshop on their impressions of the workshop and how they plan to use this experience in their future teaching activities.

**To apply please submit the following information:**

### Contact details

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Your name

Your primary email address

Residential address and/or telephone

### School information

School name and address

School telephone

School fax

School website

School region

Type of school \*

Elementary



Middle/Junior high school



High school



City



Suburban



Rural



If the travel bursary does not cover all your travel expenses to attend GIFT, will your school or some other source cover the additional expenses? If so, which ?

### Application details

Which GIFT workshops did you attend previously, if any ?

Employment record and professional activities

College/university education

List university-level courses, workshops, and/or training programs you have taken in Earth or environmental science or related fields

Additional comments

### Additional questions

Please attach a separate PDF document (maximum two A4 pages) containing answers to the following questions:

* Describe your experience of teaching science/geography.
* Describe your experience in developing curriculum.
* Describe your experience of connecting science/geography content to local and/or national educational standards.
* Describe your experience of training other teachers.
* How would you describe or rate your written and oral communication skills in English?
* How would your participation in the GIFT workshop benefit you professionally?
* How would the GIFT experience benefit your school, school district, and/or province/country?

Additional questions (PDF document, max. 10 MB) \*

### Letter of recommendation

A letter of recommendation by your school principal or appropriate supervisor is required for each application and must include the following wording:

“I recommend the above applicant as a GIFT Workshop participant and agree to support the teacher if he/she is required to take time away from school to participate in this workshop and to facilitate the teacher’s role in providing feedback to their colleagues and as a resource provider on the use of geoscience research across the curriculum following this experience.”

The letter needs to include the date, signature of your school principal or appropriate supervisor, and her or his job title.

Letter of recommendation (PDF document, max. 10 MB) \*

**Applications should be received as soon as possible and in any case no later than November 30th November.**

**Successful applicants will be notified by mid-December**

Teachers will be strongly encouraged to prepare a poster of their classroom activities. There is a special poster session for educational activities: “Science in future classroom”.

**Send your application via email to any of the members of the Committee on Education** preferably the person in your country if there is one, or to [education@egu.eu](mailto:education@egu.eu)

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