Dear Colleagues,

We would like to formally invite you to consider teaching for Purdue’s Gifted Education Resource Institute next summer as a Summer Residential instructor. We are seeking quality educators with experience in the STEM fields and/or the humanities to design their own course and share their expertise with our students. Teachers who participate in our camp encounter some of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their careers. Our students rank in the top five to ten percent of their age group nationally, and are highly motivated to explore an area of personal interest. These 5th-12th grade students can typically master material two to three years above grade level and require accelerated or enriched learning opportunities in order to meet their full potential.

The courses we offer are designed to accomplish the following:

- Expose students to new areas of study and career possibilities
- Present new materials at an appropriately accelerated pace,
- Develop independent or self-directed study skills,
- Promote advanced thinking skills, and
- Engage students in high-level projects and experiments.

If you are interested in the opportunity to interact with high-ability students, please complete the attached teacher application and course proposal form. **The deadline for proposing a course for Summer Residential is Monday, October 5, 2015.** Please return the completed forms either to Beering Hall room 5113 or via email to ksseward@purdue.edu. If you are new to our program, we will schedule an interview with you prior to making a decision, as well as contact your references. If you have any questions about becoming an instructor or if you would like more information about the camp, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

Kristen Seward
Summer Residential Coordinator
ksseward@purdue.edu
(765) 494 - 7241
The following application materials should be completed in full and returned to the GERI office in BRNG 5113 or emailed to Kristen Seward at ksseward@purdue.edu. If you have any questions, please call my office at (765) 494-7241.

Date__________________

Name: ___________________________________________ PUID# ________________________

Local Address: ____________________________________________________________

   (Street)       (City)       (State)       (Zip)

Permanent Address (if applicable): ____________________________________________

   (Street)       (City)       (State)       (Zip)

Phone: Home ( ) _______ - ___________ Work ( ) _______ - ___________ Cell ( ) _______ - ___________

E-mail Address you check regularly: ____________________________________________

Phone number of someone who will always know how to contact you: ( ) _______ - __________

Contact’s Name: ___________________________________________ Relationship:_________________________

Are you eligible to work in the United States? (circle one) Yes or No

May we contact your most recent employer? (circle one) Yes or No

Contact information:

   Name ___________________________________________ Position ___________________________________________

   Organization ___________________________________________

   Address ___________________________________________

   Phone ___________________________________________

   If not, please explain. ___________________________________________

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Dates Available: Please check the dates you are available to teach under each program you are interested in. You can indicate your specific grade level interests on the attached course proposal form.

Summer Residential 2016 (1-, 2-, or 4-Week Long Residential Camps)

___ Dates: July 3 – July 16
   Star I (7th - 8th grades)
   Pulsar I (9th - 12th grades)

___ Dates: July 3 – July 9
   Comet I (5th - 6th grades)

___ Dates: July 17 – July 30
   Star II (7th - 8th grades)
   Pulsar II (9th - 12th grades)

___ Dates: July 10 – July 16
   Comet II (5th - 6th grades)

**Mandatory Teacher Seminar: Sat., June 4**
1. Purdue University Status:  Please check all that apply.
   _____ I am currently neither a student nor a faculty/staff member at Purdue University
   _____ I am currently a student at Purdue
      _____ graduate student  or  _____ undergraduate
      _____ full time  or  _____ part time
   _____ I am currently a faculty/staff member at Purdue University
      a. Employment Level  _____ full time  _____ part time: _____ FTE/%?
      b. Staff Type:  _____ faculty  _____ administrative/professional
                     _____ grad assistant  _____ other: _________________
      c. Appointment Type:  _____ fiscal year (12 mo)  _____ academic year (10 mo)
                              _____ biweekly  _____ other: _________________

2. Educational Background:
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3. Work Experience in Education (list most recent position first; include both paid and volunteer positions):
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4. Please describe your current occupation:

5. Gifted and Talented Children:  Explain why you feel you could work effectively with gifted children.  (e.g. courses, experience, attitudes, personality, etc.)
6. **First-Time Talent Development Program Teachers Only:**

   Please include the following items:

   **A.** A copy of your teaching license (and endorsement as appropriate) **or** a transcript of courses completed if a license is not held, and

   **B.** A letter of recommendation from an instructor or supervisor who can knowledgably comment on your educational experience and/or your ability to work with children.

   Recommender's Name _________________________ Phone _______________________

   If there is great difficulty involved in obtaining either of these items, please contact our office.

7. **Course Information:**

   Please complete the course proposal on the attached sheet. To assist us in offering a balanced selection of courses, please feel free to duplicate the course proposal form and **describe any and all classes** you would be willing to teach.

8. **Compensation:** Please check appropriate honoraria. **Returning teachers, please complete a Returning Staff Information Update form (attached to this email).**

   - [ ] First time teaching with GERI
   - [ ] Second time teaching
   - [ ] Third time teaching
   - [ ] Fourth time or more teaching

9. **Background Check and Verification:**

   Have you ever been convicted of a crime? (Include court-martial convictions and sex offender crimes against minors under the age of 18, but exclude minor traffic violations.)

   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No  If yes, list date, charge, place, court and action taken:

   A prior conviction does not necessarily mean that you cannot be employed. I understand that employment in certain jobs is conditional upon a review of criminal conviction records. I authorize the Gifted Education Resource Institute of Purdue University to request and obtain, through police agencies, an investigation and report to determine the accuracy of my above answers as to prior criminal convictions, if any. I also understand that any false statement by me in this application or failure to give any material information requested will be cause for my rejection or dismissal.

   Race:____________________ Date of Birth:____________________

   Your signature:___________________________________________

10. **Release Authorization:**

   I hereby authorize the release of any information on the background check(s) the Gifted Education Resource Institute may have on file pertaining to me to sponsoring school corporations.

   Your signature:___________________________________________ Date:______________

**Return all application materials to:** Gifted Education Resource Institute, Beering Hall, Room 5113, 100 N. University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098. Super Saturday, Super Summer and Summer Residential are continuing education activities of Purdue University, an equal access/equal opportunity institution.
Summer Residential Camps  
Talent Development Course Proposal  
(Multiple proposals for same or different grade levels are accepted)

Applicant(s) Name(s): _______________________________________________________

Course Title: ______________________________________________________________

Grade Level Preference:  
Please check all grade levels for which you feel your course would be appropriate.

___ Comet (Grades 5-6)

___ Star (Grades 7-8)

___ Pulsar (Grades 9-12)

Course Description to appear in brochure (no more than 50 words):

Course Goals/Theme:

Instructional Activities/Methodologies:  
Please provide specific examples of course activities in which students will be involved to help them accomplish the above objectives.

Class Size:

Our maximum class size is 18 students. If you require a small class size, please indicate the reasoning below.
Talent Development Programs First-Time Teacher Recommendation Form

Applicant - Please provide the following information:

Name: __________________________________________ Phone: __________________________

Proposed Summer Residential Camp Course(s) and Grade Levels:
_________________________________________

Please indicate one of the options below and sign your name before giving this form to recommender.

____ I waive my right to review this recommendation.

____ I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Applicant’s signature: __________________________ Date: ______________________

Recommender - The above-named individual is applying for a teaching position in the Summer Residential Camps, sponsored by the Gifted Education Resource Institute at Purdue University and under the direction of Dr. Marcia Gentry. Research compiled from a literature search in the field of gifted education indicates that a teacher of gifted and talented students should have the ability to

- engage gifted students in challenging thinking activities,
- lead gifted students in small-group and project activities,
- differentiate instruction to meet the needs of individual students,
- motivate students and provide counseling and affective activities,
- accelerate instruction to a level and pace appropriate for gifted students.

In general, our teachers are very knowledgeable in their subject matter, enthusiastic about teaching, and willing to devote time and effort to instruction. Please comment on these skills and traits as they relate to strengths and weaknesses of the applicant as a teacher. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (765) 494-7241.

Recommender’s Signature: __________________________ Date: ______________________

Type or Print Name and Title: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________ Phone: __________________

Please provide comments about applicant’s skills and traits as they relate to strengths and weaknesses in their teaching ability either on the back of this page or a separate sheet of paper. If necessary, may we call you to discuss this applicant? ______ Yes ______ No

Please mail by October 1 to: Gifted Education Resource Institute
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West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098

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