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## SUNRISE Schools University 'N' (and) Resources In the Sciences and Engineering



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## Program Objective

SUNRISE is a new GK-12 project aimed at partnering Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) graduate students ("Fellows") with school teachers from three different school divisions. The objective of this project is to build a unique model of collaboration among elementary and middle schools, school division administration, and GMU to foster systemic efforts in implementing Information Technology (IT) rich STEM content-knowledge into G4-6 education by graduate Fellows, with the potential to fundamentally change the delivery of science instruction and long term professional development of science teachers.

## Program Information

- The Project is led by IT&E with support from College of Education and Sciences at GMU.
- The project duration is 5 years from 2007-12
- The project has partnered with 8 schools in 3 school divisions.
- The schools have a high percentage of students who are English learners, many are on free/reduced lunch, and they are ethnically very diverse with a high percentage of African-Americans and Hispanics.
- Each year, the project begins in summer with two month long training program for the Fellows
- Each Fellow is teamed with a teacher

## Expected Outcomes

- Increased content knowledge for K-12 students and teachers
- Fellows develop skills in pedagogy and classroom management
- More teachers with backgrounds in engineering, math & sciences

- Promote the adoption of GK-12 like activities as an integral part of GMU's graduate programs in STEM
- In the long run....More Engineers, Doctors and Scientists



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## Fellow Activities

- GK-12 Fellows work directly with GK-12 Teachers in the classroom to:
- Connect K-12 learning to scientific methods needed for further study in (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) STEM disciplines
    - *Lead post-experiment science discussion and relate to real world examples*
  - Serve as role models for K12 Children who are our future STEM professionals
  - Support GK-12 Teachers with content knowledge in engineering, mathematics and the sciences
    - *Curriculum enrichment*
  - Jointly enhance and deliver K-12 science and mathematics instruction- hands on experiments
    - *Serve as resources for teachers in conducting hands-on experiments*
  - Provide individualized instruction and assistance to the students

- Deliver advanced STEM education to G4-6 by integrating fellow's research via topics such as
  - Oceanography
  - Global Positioning Systems
  - Acoustics
  - Sensing technologies: infrared sensors, bio sensors
  - Nanotechnology
  - Protein bonding: polymers
  - Space exploration
  - Simulation

## Benefits

- The opportunities and excitement of the SUNRISE project will
- Allow GMU to become a nationally recognized leader in the infusion of STEM content knowledge into K-12 education
  - Transform graduate education with emphasis on research and teaching
  - Improve communication skills of Fellows
  - Provide professional development to teachers
  - Lay a foundation for more GK-12 type activities in the Volgenau School of Information Technology and Engineering

## Supporting SUNRISE and IT&E

To support the SUNRISE program and other educational outreach initiatives in the Volgenau School of IT&E write a check to IT&E, please make it payable to George Mason University Foundation and send it to:

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