The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is dedicated to inspiring curiosity through engaging learning experiences, fostering experimentation and the exchange of ideas, and stimulating informed action. OMSI is a place where people turn, regardless of age or background, to understand and engage in the science behind current important issues and innovations. OMSI is a bridge that connects the public with meaningful discoveries in academia and industry.

OMSI reaches and impacts a wide and diverse audience across the Northwest.

OMSI has specific expertise in developing, delivering, and evaluating a range of educational experiences.

OMSI helps prepare STEM professionals to effectively communicate their research and/or current work.

BECOMING A FELLOW
OMSI Science Communication Fellows are industry or academic researchers or STEM professionals, including faculty, graduate students, technicians, or other individuals in science, engineering, health, or technology related positions. After participating in specialized training, Fellows are certified by OMSI as current science ambassadors and skilled communicators. Fellows join OMSI in helping public audiences engage with science in meaningful and relevant ways. Specific commitments include:

- Participation in OMSI’s Science Communication Short Course, a series of four professional development workshops focused on building the skills to effectively communicate with and engage public audiences
- Collaboration with OMSI educators to develop a unique, hands-on activity and display representing each Fellow’s work.
- Participation in a minimum of three public programs per year, including Meet a Scientist, OMSI After Dark, Family Science Nights, or Outreach Science Festivals. Meet a Scientist is a public program held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, exclusively featuring OMSI Fellows with their hands-on, table-top activities.
- Tuition for the Science Communication Short Course is $1,500-$1,850 per participant (scholarships may be available). Many participants secure funding through research grants (e.g. addressing NSF broader impacts criterion). We are happy to consult on, design, and draft outreach components for proposals.

PARTICIPATION BENEFITS
- Communication training and ongoing opportunities to engage with OMSI visitors.
- Official OMSI Science Communication Fellowship certificate and letters of acknowledgement as needed.
- Opportunities to network with local STEM professionals committed to public engagement and education professionals.
- Complimentary admission to Science Communication Extensions - an occasional professional development workshop series focusing on a variety of science communication topics.
- As a part of OMSI’s volunteer corps, all Fellows also receive an OMSI membership.

For more information visit omsi.edu/science-fellowship or contact the OMSI Science Communication Fellowship Program Coordinator, Amanda Fisher at (503)797-4635 or afisher@omsi.edu.