

# The School for Scientific Thought

2009-2010 Application for Graduate Student Instructors

Name:

Email:

Department:

Candidate for which degree? MA / MS / PhD

Current year in grad school:

Subfield of study:

Advisor:

Name of co-teacher, if you are proposing to offer a course jointly with another graduate student: (in this case you should both submit identical proposals)

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**Application Deadline is May 15, 2009.** Applications must be submitted electronically to [ibsen@cnsi.ucsb.edu](mailto:ibsen@cnsi.ucsb.edu) with subject heading: SST Application – [YOUR NAME].

## **Mandatory SST program commitments**

- Orientation meeting (3 hours) after June 15, exact date and time will be announced soon.
- Summer training session (8/10, 8/11 and 8/13, 10am – 3pm) for Fall or Winter quarter courses or December training dates TBA for Winter Courses .
- SST fellows are also required to participate in outreach and recruiting events in late August – September or October-November, totaling roughly 10 hours.
- Teaching an SST course over five consecutive Saturdays in either Fall or Winter quarter, 2009-2010.

Please confirm that you are available during the required summer training sessions and outreach events, and state your preference for Fall or Winter quarter SST teaching.

*I will be available for all of the commitments discussed above.*

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(your signature)

I would prefer to teach in SST during \_\_\_\_\_ quarter.

I would prefer to attend training in August or December. (circle one)

**Teaching and Mentoring Experience** Please attach a brief statement, no more than one page in length, describing any teaching, mentoring and/or related experiences that you could draw from when working with high school students, and how these experiences will guide your approach. Include names and descriptions of relevant courses you have taught or TA'd at the college or graduate level. *No formal teaching experience is required to participate in this program.*

**Goals and Intentions** In no more than one page, please address all of the following:

- What you hope to gain from your teaching experience in the SST.
- What you hope *students* will gain from SST as a whole, and your class in particular?

**Course Design** Please attach a single page statement outlining the course you propose to teach in the SST. Please be sure to include the following:

- Course Title
- Subject
- Class format (lectures, labs, demonstrations, etc.)
- Topics
- Modes and extent of student participation (if any)

**Faculty Mentor(s)** It is required that you identify and establish a faculty mentor that will meet with you at least twice before the August training to review your course design for content. This faculty mentor can be your advisor, but should be knowledgeable in the topic(s) of your course. *It is not required that you have a faculty mentor at this point.* However, if you have been in touch with a professor regarding your proposed course and you intend to interact with this person as a faculty mentor, please include the name(s) and email(s) below. *In addition, if you would like to nominate faculty for a mentor role in our program (not necessarily for yourself!), please indicate their names here.*

**How did you hear about the SST program?**