



Educational Tours

Dear Educational Leader,

In partnership with the **Northern Illinois Science Educators**, **EF Educational Tours** is pleased to announce the 2019 EF Professional Learning STEM Travel **Scholarship** opportunity.

The scholarship application process is open to all current members of the Northern Illinois Science Educator network. **Two full scholarships will be awarded for travel on EF's 2019 Scholarship Tour to Panama in February 2019 and will be based on applicants' commitment to global education initiatives within Illinois.**

The Experience:

EF Education First (www.ef.edu) is offering a full travel scholarship to top STEM educators across the United States. Winners will be selected on the basis of their interest and commitment to creating global education programs and supporting STEM initiatives within their school, district and/or state. Scholarship recipients will participate in a 5-day STEM Exploration and Professional Development program in Panama City, Panama. This is your chance to work with global experts in the fields of engineering, wetlands science, environmental sustainability and marine biology. You'll return home feeling inspired and rejuvenated to share a world of STEM and experiential learning with your students. These programs are designed to help educators:

- 1) Connect with like-minded and professionally compatible educators from across the US in an international STEM setting
- 2) Inspire new professional networks and teaching mythologies in a global setting
- 3) Create innovative programs upon return to help students explore STEM beyond the classroom via educational travel abroad

(See www.eftours.com/STEM for details and to learn how schools in your district can also get involved)

Eligibility:

Open to all current members of NISE and science educators in Illinois.

What's Included:

Collaborative workshops with leaders in education, sightseeing tours, educational itinerary, round-trip flights and transportation, 4 overnight stays in hotels, Latin American breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, and a full-time tour director.

Application Process:

1. Complete the application and 4 required essays via this link: <http://bit.ly/PLefSTEM2019>
2. Deadline for application submissions is Friday, October 12, 2018.
3. Finalists must complete a video conference interview by Friday, October 26, 2018, to be eligible.
4. Recipients will be notified no later than Friday, November 9, 2018.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at Durban.ripley@ef.com or 331-228-7187. We look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,

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