

Redwood Area Academic Literacy Initiative

Invitation to become a *RAALI Teaching Fellow 2008*



The RAALI aims to enhance student content learning in science, mathematics and history using academic literacy approaches developed and implemented by RAALI Teaching Fellows and professional development organizers. Initiative activities bring together teams of teachers for training and collaboration from schools across six counties in NW California. Teaching Fellows implement content area academic literacy pedagogies, and engage in research activities aimed to understand impacts of the project work.

RAALI Goals and Objectives:

- Develop & enhance **academic literacy instructional strategies** to improve student learning and academic performance in the content areas of high school science, mathematics, and history.
- Develop a **regional network of educators** including RAALI Teaching Fellows, professional development providers, and university faculty to develop and support academic literacy efforts in our region.
- Facilitate local school site **teacher teams** to support ongoing teacher-led professional learning.
- Develop school site, district, and regional **leadership**, teachers with demonstrated levels of expertise in the classroom and content knowledge, to teach/mentor their professional colleagues.
- Provide opportunities to examine current research and to engage in new **research** focused on the impacts of RAALI curricular interventions linked to improved student performance.

RAALI Teaching Fellowship Benefits

Teaching Fellows receive intensive training in academic literacy strategies focused in the content area of science, mathematics or history. This includes opportunities to analyze the linguistic demands of their content instructional materials, develop strategies to make content accessible to a wide range of students, and cultivate approaches that foster student independence in the comprehension and production of content related text. In addition, Fellows will receive:

- Resource materials to support the work.
- Academic year consulting and support to work at one's school site on a small teacher team.
- Up to a \$1,225 Teaching Fellowship: \$625 for the summer institute, \$600 for follow-up work in AY 08-09 (optional).
- Reimbursement for up to \$300 travel costs associated with attending the summer institute.
- Course credit options.
- Optional participation in research opportunities with stipend support.

Commitment from RAALI Teaching Fellows

- Attend the seven days of RAALI training:
May 19, 2008 – RAALI Conference (Fortuna River Lodge) – Some travel support available.
Summer 2008 – Five-day Institute (June 23-27 in the Ukiah area) – Up to \$300 in travel support available.
September 2008 – RAALI Workshop
- Integrate elements of the RAALI academic literacy framework during regular content instruction.
- Work with the RAALI Research and Evaluation Team to facilitate our understanding of what works.

Application Process

- **Who may apply?** High school Science, Mathematics & History teachers with RAALI partnership schools.
- **When?** Applications accepted based on space availability. Call the RAALI office for details.
- **Co-payment:** \$75 co-payment as a district purchase order or personal check made to RAALI.

Questions or Comments?

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