

Traveling Science Teacher

Opportunities are at your Fingertips!

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Today:

- Who am I?
- What lead me to want to travel and do science?
- Cool opportunities and timelines
- Tips
- Questions?



I am...

- A STEM/Science teacher at a Prek-8th grade school in Moraga, CA.
- I am constantly looking for ways to bring science into my students lives.
- I love growing as a professional.
- And I am passionate about our planet, our environment, our understanding of real science and being a role model for students.



So after going to a lot of day long conferences:

- I started wanting opportunities that were longer
- More focused in different area I felt were not my strengths
- Gave me expertise in different areas of science and perspective
- & I wanted to be able to answer growing questions my students had



1st Opportunity was with the FDA in DC

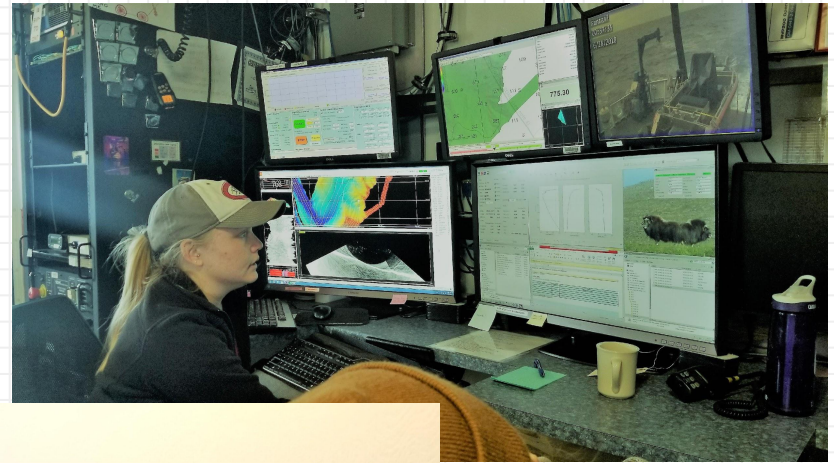


This is now a free online course after COVID

Fulbright TGC: Senegal



NOAA TAS: Alaska





Which lead to so many more



Aircamp for Teachers: Dayton, Ohio



Workshop for Wildlife Conservation: San Diego Zoo





Science in Zero G: Embedded Teacher Program from Carthage College, Wisconsin

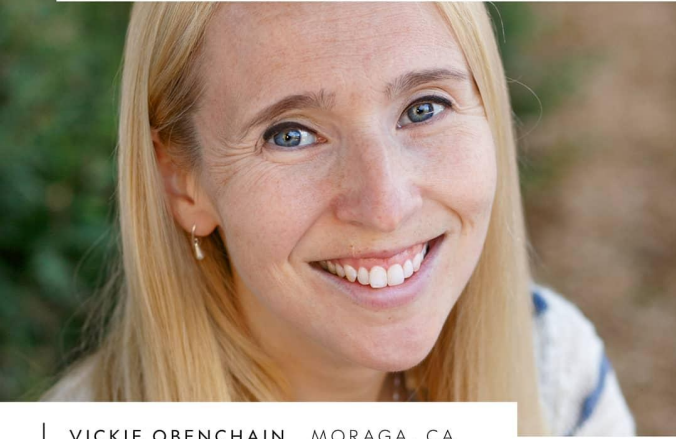


Ecology Project International: Costa Rica Leatherback Sea turtle conservation



Understanding the EU decision making: Brussels, Belgium

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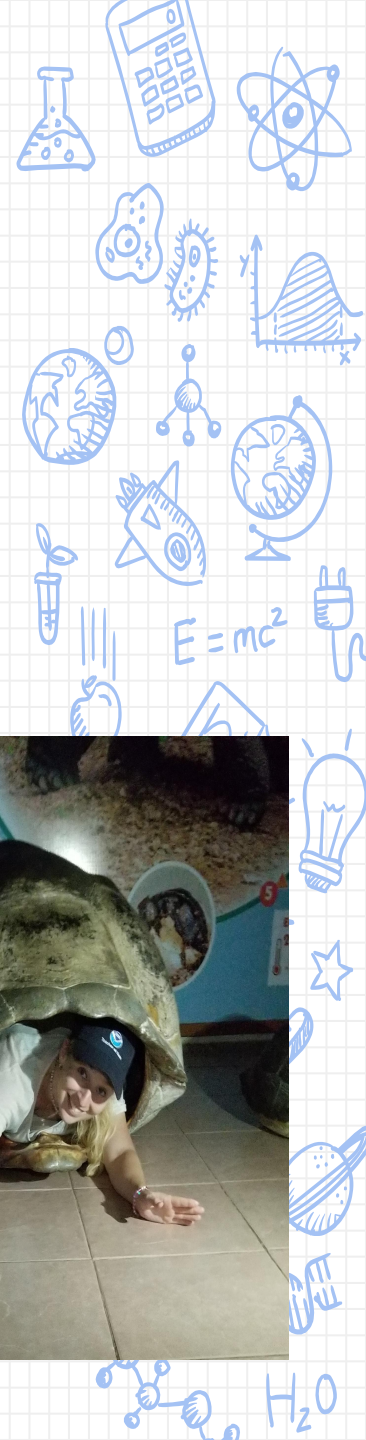


Grosvenor Teacher Fellow:
Antarctica



I also LEAD tours with my students using a tour company

- There are many out there, I use EF Tours
 - We have gone to: Iceland, many parts of Europe, Galapagos, Costa Rica, Peru, Japan, and heading to Vietnam this summer



Leading tours

- I recommend looking into this option.
 - Great for yourself and your students plus many offer rewards through their program
 - No applications to apply to, just recruiting for your trips
- Also offer professional development credits and tours for teachers



EF Tours** : Nobel Summit in Stockholm



These and other opportunities!

- Are all possible for you
- Plus, listed: links to the different programs, where and when they take place, timelines for applying, and why I think you should apply!
- Obviously, more can be learned about each by going to their sites and learning more



Tips for your Essays



- **Proofread!! Seriously!**
- **Try not to sound arrogant about your skills, be grateful for the experience.**
- **Show how your students and school will benefit- most organizations want their work will get known and shared; how will you do that?**
- **Use the word count, be concise/direct but show you have ideas! Too few words doesn't look like you cared.**
- **Answer the questions asked!!**
 - **If it helps, use their keywords when you write your responses to help**

Tips for Lesson Plans (if required)

- Make the lesson about the topic/area of the world you would be learning about/traveling to
- Add in different activities to learn about the topic/area
 - Internet search, lab/engineering project to show understanding, presentation to lower grades, etc.



Apply again!

- Some fellowships are extremely hard to get
 - Ex: 15 spots but get 2000 applicants



Other ways to find fellowships

- Facebook groups:
 - Scholarships, grants and summer institute for teachers
 - Teachers on the Move: Programs, Grants, and Scholarships for K-12 Teachers



Questions?

