



Wyoming Rural Teacher Corps

The Wyoming Rural Teacher Corps is a cohort of pre-service teachers interested in teaching in rural environments. Through the experiences and support of the Rural Teacher Corps, Corps members will be well positioned to enjoy a career in education in rural communities.

Outcomes of the Wyoming Rural Teacher Corps program:

Wyoming Rural Teacher Corps members in the Year 1 program will be able to:

- Learn about place based education (PBE) and its implementation in rural school settings
- Receive focused support for teaching in rural settings
- Learn the nuances, challenges, and opportunities associated with teaching at a rural school
- Experience a rural school setting
- Build a network of support

Expectations to receive the \$1500 stipend:

- [Apply \(LINK to the application\)](#) - there will be 8 slots for the Year 2 Rural Teacher Corps
- Attend 6 of 8 monthly meetings & Capstone Fair (scheduled from - 4:30-6:30 pm on Tuesdays - October 1, November 5, December 3, January 21, February 4, March 4, April 1; Capstone Fair will be on April 29):
 - For the 2 that you miss, you must notify Dr. Mercier in advance.
 - If you miss more than 2, you must complete a make-up assignment.
- Plan and facilitate a place-based STEM activity as a part of STEM night with Rock River School, includes a February visit to Rock River and April STEM night
- Attend 2 of 3 school visits (to be scheduled in October, November, and March)
- Complete the interview of your mentor teacher
- Join Retreat Week at Teton Science Schools - May 19-23, 2025

The stipend will be dispersed in 2 parts: \$500 in December for meeting the fall semester expectations, and \$1000 in May for meeting the full year expectations.

Core Experiences:

- Monthly meetings* - We will all have a meal together and then separate into the yearly cohorts for cohort-specific experiences. Topics for the monthly meetings will include:
 - Read *Teaching in Rural Places* book
 - Place-based education professional development
 - Community building
 - Planning for a place-based STEM community night at the Rock River School

- Place-based STEM community night at the Rock River School - date TBD with Rock River School
 - Interviewing a mentor teacher (once each semester)
 - Retreat week at Teton Science Schools
- *Attendance could be virtual during practicum and student teaching placements

Who is a good candidate for participating in the RTC?

- Pre-service teachers who aspire to teach in rural settings
- Individuals with a strong belief in community
- Savvy users of technology and new media
- Students interested in economic, environmental, and justice-related issues in rural communities

If you are interested in becoming a member of the 2024-2025 Wyoming Rural Teacher Corps, kindly complete the application linked below by Friday, September 13, 2024. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Dylan Klinesteker @ dklinest@uwyo.edu, Leslie Cook @ leslie.cook@tetonscience.org, or Dr. Alison Mercier @ amercier@uwyo.edu for more information.

[Application \(LINK\)](#)

QR Code to the application:

