

Summer Institute 2018

For more than ten years, Discovery Education has provided free, immersive, residential-style professional development experiences for the teaching community.

The Discovery Education Summer Institute features seminars and workshops from keynote speakers, the Discovery Education team and fellow members of the Discovery Education Community.



15th – 20th July 2018

University of North Carolina Wilmington

The Summer Institute will give you new ideas and inspiration for your teaching. It will provide you with opportunities to connect, collaborate and share with Discovery Education teachers from around the world.

Focused on educational excellence, leadership and networking this is a week-long opportunity that will encourage, inspire, and motivate you through new ideas, friendships, and professional relationships that can last a lifetime.

WIN an all-expenses paid place at the Discovery Education Summer Institute!

We are pleased to announce that we're giving **five** educators from the UK, the opportunity to win an all-expenses paid place at the Summer Institute.

If you are selected, Discovery Education will pay for the cost of flights, lodging and meals during the event.

This will be a once in a lifetime week and we know that you will return from the event full of enthusiasm to share everything you've learned with colleagues, administrators, parents, and pupils.

Learn more and apply now:

www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/summerinstitute

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where is Discovery Education Summer Institute?

A: University of North Carolina, Wilmington, USA.

Q: How much does the Summer Institute cost?

A: There is no registration fee. For the selected UK teachers, Discovery Education will pay for lodging, meals, and return flights to the United States.

Q: Can anyone attend the Summer Institute?

A: No. Only educators from schools who currently subscribe to a Discovery Education service may apply to the Summer Institute.

Q: I've seen the words DEN and DENSI - is this the same thing?

A: The Discovery Education Community recently celebrated its tenth anniversary - and is often known as the "DEN" (Discovery Educator Network). You'll find many of these acronyms on social media, eg. DENSI (Discovery Educator Network Summer Institute).

Q: If I am a new to the Discovery Education Community, do I still have a chance to attend?

A: Yes, we really want new teachers to apply. All teachers who apply will be given the same opportunity to attend via the application review process.

Q: When does the Summer Institute begin?

A: Sunday 15th July.
Registration will open at 15:00 (Eastern Time).

Q: When does the Summer Institute end?

A: It ends Friday 20th July at 12.00 PM (Eastern Time).

Q: How do I apply?

A: There are two parts to this year's application. The first part is a written section where you'll answer a few questions about yourself and why you should be considered for this exclusive opportunity. The second part is a short video submission of you responding to a few questions/prompts.

Q: How long does the video need to be?

A: The video should be 2-minutes or less. Videos longer than 2-minutes (2:00) will **not** be considered.

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Q: Can my video be edited?

A: No. We are looking for a simple, one-take, unedited video of you sharing your story. You talking to the camera is fine.

Q: What should I include in my video?

A: We're interested in getting to know you better. If accepted, your video will be shared with other attendees. Create a video that shows who you are, what you do professionally, and how Discovery Education has assisted and empowered you as a teaching professional.

Q: Do I have to be on camera?

A: Yes. Screen captures and avatars are great for a lot of things. They just won't get you into the Summer Institute as we want to see you share your enthusiasm for teaching and tell us why you want to take part in this great professional development opportunity.

Q: How do I share my video with you?

A: Upload it to YouTube and put the link to it in your application. Be sure that the video sharing is set to Public so we can see your video.

Q: I don't know how to upload to YouTube. Can I just email it to you?

A: No. Being able to upload things to YouTube is not a prerequisite for attending the Summer Institute. However, the Summer Institute is all about connecting and collaborating.

So, if this is something you don't know how to do yet, please contact Chris Nash at chris_nash@discovery.com, who will be happy to help.

Q: I want to Tweet about this event, what is the hashtag?

A: #DENSI2018

Q: When are the applications due?

A: Sunday 18th March 2018

Q: When will we be notified if we are accepted or on a waiting-list?

A: By Friday 23rd March 2018. If accepted we will need you to confirm your attendance by Friday 6th April 2018.

Q: I'm not really keen on sleeping in college suites. Can I get a hotel room?

A: No. Part of the experience is the time spent together networking. We have paid for your room and meals in advance so your full participation is expected. You will have your own room; but the rooms are not with en-suite bathrooms.



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Q: I have a special diet. Will I have to bring my own food?

A: You should probably pack some of your favourite snacks, but any special dietary needs will be accommodated by the dining hall staff at University of North Carolina, Wilmington.

Q: I've never been to North Carolina and want to go sightseeing or go out for dinner or other attraction. Can I leave the Summer Institute and go exploring?

A: We have planned outings as a group and have paid for all your meals in advance. It is our expectation that you will take part in the activities and meals with the other attendees. If you want to experience more of North Carolina, consider getting to town early or staying a few days after Summer Institute has finished. **Please note**, Discovery Education will only provide accommodation for the length of the professional development conference.

Q: Can I bring a guest with me?

A: No. The Summer Institute is designed to be an intensive professional development and networking experience where we rise early and go to sleep late. The schedule is full and does not allow for much individual leisure time.

Q: Is it a problem if I have to arrive late or leave early?

A: Yes. We will have a lot of applicants on the waiting list so those who are accepted are expected to fully participate in the institute. This means arriving on-time and not leaving early.

Need more information?

Please contact Chris Nash at chris_nash@discovery.com.