BELS in NH is a new UNH professional development opportunity supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation. BELS comprises three strands: teacher leadership, equity, and enriched STEM content and pedagogies. These strands are woven together to create a coordinated, comprehensive PD program for motivated teachers to positively impact STEM instruction at their school and across the state.

STEM Equity - It’s more than just hidden figures

Join BELS in NH to become a Master Teaching Fellow. As a leader in equity and STEM instruction you will transform your teaching practice and bring effective professional development to your school district and NH.

Teacher Benefits

- Receive $50,000 fellowship distributed as $10,000 per year for each of five years (failure to complete reverts to a loan)
- Take part in ongoing professional development (5 years) to become a teacher leader in equity and STEM
- Collaborate with a community of other BELS teacher leaders
- Teach and model project-based STEM lessons that are community-responsive & inclusive
- Design a teacher leadership plan to align with your PD & district goals
- Work directly with your school district and a NH STEM professional society to disseminate new ideas & strategies

Apply by February 12
Eligible Teachers

- Full-time classroom instructor in a STEM field (grades 6th -10th) currently teaching in a partner school district (Manchester, Nashua, or Rochester)
- Holder of a Master’s degree (or higher) in a STEM or education discipline
- Commitment to full participation over the entire five years of the program

Interested?

1. Email Steve Hale: steve.hale@unh.edu - expressing interest
   Copy (cc) your district’s BELS in NH point-of-contact:
   - Manchester – Sherri Nichols - s.nichols@mansd.org
   - Nashua – Robert Cioppa - cioppar@nashua.edu
   - Rochester – Kathleen Cotton - cotton.k@rochesterschools.com

2. Attend one of our Zoom information sessions. Sign up at BELS Info Session Registration.
   - Thursday, Dec. 17th 4:00-5:00 pm
   - Wednesday, Jan. 6th 4:30-5:30 pm
   - Tuesday, Jan. 12th 4:00-5:00 pm

To Apply

- Visit BELS website for the online application. Deadline Feb. 12th.

Partners

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Belts Website
unh.edu/leitzel-center/bels-nh

STRAND 1
Teacher Leadership Skills

STRAND 2
Understanding Equity & Equity Pedagogies

STRAND 3
STEM Content & Pedagogies

Teacher Leaders in equitable, culturally-responsive, project-based STEM

Improved outcomes of high-needs students in NH

A new model for STEM PD

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