

EcoRise Teacher Ambassador Program

2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR



The EcoRise Ambassador Program develops, empowers, and recognizes educators as leaders and champions of our rapidly growing organization. Throughout the 2019-20 school year, Ambassadors will facilitate teacher trainings, support other EcoRise teachers in their communities, present at conferences, and provide valuable ongoing feedback to the EcoRise staff that will drive improvements to EcoRise's curriculum and school-based program. Most importantly, Ambassadors will continue to captivate students with EcoRise curriculum, support, and programming and fan the flames of the green schools movement.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Increase EcoRise program capacity and strengthen community engagement in 10 hubs across the United States.
- Develop, empower, and recognize experienced EcoRise educators as community leaders and champions.
- Increase the reach and impact of EcoRise resources, including the Sustainable Intelligence and Design Studio curricula, our Eco-Audit grant program, and community-based showcase opportunities.

AMBASSADOR REQUIREMENTS

- Participate in the three-day EcoRise Ambassador Summer Institute in Austin, Texas.
- Facilitate or co-facilitate a minimum of two teacher workshops.
- Attend two or more community meetings or events on behalf of EcoRise.
- Actively engage with current EcoRise teachers via email and social media.
- Connect EcoRise with new teachers or schools.
- Participate in virtual Ambassador check-ins.

TRAINING, SUPPORT, AND COMPENSATION

During EcoRise's three-day Summer Institute, Ambassadors will learn how to effectively speak about and leverage their own EcoRise experience; deepen their understanding of EcoRise curriculum and grant resources; develop leadership, presentation, and outreach skills; and form lasting connections with like-minded educators from across the country. In addition, Ambassadors will receive regular support via email and phone, as well as opportunities to present at conferences nationwide. EcoRise will cover registration and all travel expenses for Ambassadors attending the Summer Institute. In addition, *classroom teachers* who successfully fulfill their Ambassador requirements will receive a stipend of \$2,000.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

Date	Activity
March 29, 2019	Ambassador applications due. Apply at https://ecorise.instructure.com/courses/25/assignments/244
April 30, 2019	Ambassadors selected and notified.
May 1–June 30, 2019	EcoRise Staff work with Ambassadors to secure transportation and lodging for Institute.
July 28–31, 2019	EcoRise Ambassador Summer Institute in Austin, TX.
August 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020	EcoRise Ambassadors co-facilitate at least two teacher workshops, provide ongoing teacher support, attend at least two virtual check-ins, and participate in community events.
December 2019	EcoRise Ambassadors submit mid-year check-in report and receive first half of stipend.
June 2020	EcoRise Ambassadors submit final report and receive remainder of stipend.
May 1–June 30, 2020	Regional Student Innovation Showcases; post-program evaluations

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