

**MESSENGER Educator Fellow Candidate
2010 Application Form**

Application checklist

A complete application package should include:

Three copies of:

- This form completed;
- Current resume / curriculum vitae (max. 3 pages);
- Two-page proposal;
- Letters:
 - One letter of commitment;
 - Two letters of reference;

One copy of:

- Ten-minute video sample.

**Please mail your complete application package
(three copies of all paper documents and one video), to:**

Attn: Dr. Harri Vanhala
MESSENGER Educator Fellowship Program
National Center for Earth and Space Science Education
PO Box 3806, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-3806

APPLICATION DUE BY APRIL 10, 2010

*Please send an email notification to
HarriVanhala@ncesse.org once you have submitted your
application.*

Personal Information	Name	Email Address
	Home Address	Home Phone
	School/Organization Name and Address	Work Phone
		Fax
Position/Title (include grade level(s) taught, if applicable)		

Vitae	Include a current resume or curriculum vitae (three pages maximum) with your application package. Include a section listing relevant presentations you have conducted. Experience with teacher/adult training is not required but is strongly desirable.
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Proposal	Prepare a two-page proposal outlining an implementation plan for your MESSENGER workshops. The plan must include the following sections: 1) a description of your philosophy of approach to inquiry-based learning; 2) a description of any professional development workshops you have conducted to date; and 3) a description of the workshops you would conduct as a MESSENGER Educator Fellow, including target audiences, goals, and facilities to be used. Please be sure to explain how you plan to reach the training requirement of 100 teachers trained per year. Your plan may discuss space science in general; it does not have to be MESSENGER-specific.
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Letters	Include two letters of reference from persons that are familiar with your teaching style and can speak to your success as a presenter. The third required letter is a written commitment from your host institution (current employer or sponsoring organization) to provide you release time to conduct MESSENGER educator training workshops, as necessary, and an expressed willingness to support you in these efforts throughout the two-year Fellowship period.
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Video	Include a ten-minute video sample of yourself teaching/training an audience on an inquiry-based, hands-on lesson. The video sample should clearly demonstrate your abilities to facilitate inquiry-based learning. It should show the beginning, the middle and the end of an activity; you can cut out sections from the middle to keep the video within the 10-minute time limit. The video can include an entire lesson, but please indicate the sections (totaling 10 minutes at maximum) you want the application reviewers to view (e.g., four minutes from the beginning, three from the middle, three from the end). If you do not have video available, you must include a statement explaining why. Applications with video will be given higher consideration, but all applications will be considered. The preferred format for the video is a DVD; regular VHS tapes, as well as QuickTime movies on a CD are also acceptable.
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See the Announcement of Opportunity for an overview of the MESSENGER Educator Fellowship Program, including the provided resources and the responsibilities of a Fellow. Please note that the application materials will be retained by the MESSENGER education and public outreach program and will not be returned to the applicant. If you have any questions, contact the MESSENGER Educator Fellowship Program Manager at HarriVanhala@ncesse.org.

YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 10, 2010