



**Office of Research on Teaching in the Disciplines- Outreach**

## *Physical Science in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (PS-21): Improving Teacher Quality and Mastery of Content- 2013-2014*

**Partners:** Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), UA College of Education –Science Education; UA College of Arts and Sciences – Physics Department and Chemistry Department; UA Office of Research on Teaching in the Disciplines; and Alabama School Systems

The University of Alabama introduces a newly funded professional development project, *Physical Science in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, and extends an invitation to participate in the activities during the school year 2013 - 2014. This institute is open to all in-service teachers who teach, or plan to teach, in the physical sciences. Teacher substitute funding is available for each workshop. CEU or UA graduate credit can also be arranged. Materials and technology are available for your classroom to try out.

**When and Where:** Workshops to be held on The University of Alabama campus.

Institute Dates		Tentative Science Concept Areas (teacher input welcome)
Friday, Oct 4, 2013, 3408 SEC UA Campus 8:30 am-4:00 pm	Institute 1:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Force &amp; Motion and Work &amp; energy in physical systems</li> <li>• Transferring chemical energy to light energy, conservation of energy, examples from chemiluminescence,</li> <li>• Relevance of Common Core and Next Generation Science Stds</li> </ul>
Friday, Nov 8, 2013, 3408 SEC UA Campus 8:30 am-4:00 pm	Institute 2:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Properties of sound, including speed of sound, sound levels, and synthesis and analysis of different types of sounds.</li> <li>• Using the kinetic theory to explain states of matter, phase changes, solubility, and chemical reactions</li> <li>• Using Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards</li> </ul>
Friday, Jan 31, 2014, 3408 SEC UA Campus 8:30 am-4:00 pm	Institute 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magnetism due to induction, currents, and permanent magnets.</li> <li>• Solutions and Solubility</li> <li>• Using technology in science lessons and labs</li> <li>• Using Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards</li> </ul>
Friday, March 7, 2014, 3408 SEC UA Campus 8:30 am-4:00 pm	Institute 4:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical DC circuits, including light bulbs, LEDs, and light sensors.</li> <li>• Energy transformation and law of conservation of energy -</li> <li>• Using Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards</li> <li>• Working with Other Teachers in a Professional Learning Community</li> </ul>

Continuous Professional Development Online - Group activities, communication, mentors

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