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**GREEN HEART
STEM CHALLENGE**

DESIGNING A SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR ALL

**Captain Planet Foundation
Teacher Liaison - Green Heart STEM Challenge**

Contract Dates: Monday, September 14, 2026 – Friday, May 14, 2027

Time Commitment: ~2-3 hours per week / ~9-10 hours per month

Stipend: \$1,500

Location: Hybrid (Metro areas: Atlanta, Houston, Miami, San Francisco Bay Area)

Program Overview

The **Green Heart STEM Challenge (GHSC)** is a purpose-driven STEM competition where young people in metro Atlanta, Houston, Miami, and San Francisco Bay Area explore and identify environmental issues in their communities and design feasible solutions to address these problems.

Student teams use a human-centered design process to identify local environmental challenges, develop practical solutions and submit a 90-second pitch video and a written proposal.

Description

The Teacher Liaison serves as a district and/or metro-area representative for the Green Heart STEM Challenge. Teacher Liaisons work directly with GHSC staff ("Team Planet") to receive training, resources and ongoing support.

They are expected to dedicate 9-10 hours per month outside of contractual school work hours to their assigned tasks.

For teachers participating in the 2027 Challenge, Teacher Liaisons provide local, accessible guidance from someone familiar with both the program and school community. The liaison's role is to support fellow educators as they navigate the Challenge, help teachers access resources, and recruit new educators to participate.

Teacher Liaisons are allowed and encouraged to participate in the Green Heart STEM Challenge with their own students. Teacher participation and in-classroom devoted hours do not count towards the outlined 9-10 hours/month.

Stipend

Teacher Liaisons will be contracted by Captain Planet Foundation and will receive a \$1,500 stipend*, awarded at the end of the school year in May.

Teachers are expected to dedicate 9-10 hours/month outside of contractual school work hours.

** Stipend is based on a \$20/hour rate for 8 months.*



Timeline and Expectations

- **September** - Assist with educator onboarding and early recruitment. Responsibilities include:
 - Attending “Train the Trainer” session to begin Teacher Liaison on-boarding
 - Introducing teachers to the Green Heart STEM Challenge through distribution of digital and print flyers, word-of-mouth, attending in-person conferences and district PD opportunities, email outreach, and further methods.
 - Encouraging and Supporting teachers in registering for:
 - **Information Sessions:** Brief 30-minute introductory overview of the Green Heart STEM Challenge for teachers who are interested in registering.
 - **Teacher Training Sessions:** Formal one-hour trainings that introduce the online learning platform and submission portals to GHSC registered teachers.
 - **Green Heart STEM Challenge** Being a part of the Challenge means an educator must be formally registered.

How: Teacher Liaisons will do this by sending promotional emails about the Green Heart STEM Challenge which will include the website and the link to register.

- Helping teachers register for the Challenge, especially if questions arise.
- Potentially hosting and/or supporting an in-person Teacher Training Session
- Review curriculum connections and help educators understand how the Challenge aligns with their curriculum goals.

How: Answer questions and provide resources to educators who reach out and inquire about curriculum connections.

- **September - December** - Support a strong push and help educators become comfortable with the Challenge platform. Responsibilities include:
 - Helping teachers sign up for Information Sessions and Teacher Training Sessions
 - Helping and encouraging teachers to register for the Challenge
 - Answering questions about the platform and Challenge requirements



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- Helping teachers identify curriculum connections within the platform
- Supporting educators as they begin planning for student participation

- **December - May** - Assist teachers as they move through the Challenge and help prepare for the finale event. Responsibilities include:
 - Answering questions about the platform and Challenge expectations
 - Providing teachers with high-quality submission examples
 - Helping ensure educators and schools are ready to attend the finale
 - Reminding teachers to submit field trip forms
 - Reminding teachers to submit media release forms
 - Reminding teachers to have students sign up for Planeteer Alliance
 - Joining meeting(s) with Team Planet in preparation for finale event

Teacher Liaison Resources

Teacher Liaisons will receive:

- One-on-one support from Team Planet to review platform, registration process, curriculum connections, and event details
- Access to Team Planet Calendly link for any questions and additional assistance

Teacher Liaison Benefits

- Opportunities to connect with your fellow Teacher Liaisons in other GHSC markets
- Build/Expand leadership experience with a regional STEM and environmental education initiative
- Support educators and students in taking meaningful environmental action in their communities
- Recognition on CPF website and online learning platform
- \$1500 stipend