



Visiting Scientist Program

Participate as a Visiting Scientist in MOSS K-12, Teacher Education, or Graduate Programs

Become a Visiting Scientist

McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS) can integrate research and scholarships across Idaho with programs at the remote McCall Field Campus located next to Payette Lake. Visiting faculty/researchers from the University of Idaho (UI), other universities and agencies can spend two to three days interacting with and presenting their research to faculty and staff, K12 students and teachers, graduate students and the local community. MOSS staff will provide logistical and coaching support to the visiting researchers to ensure a successful experience for everyone involved.

COSTS

We suggest that you include in your grant budget all travel costs associated with a trip to MOSS. We can arrange for you to stay on our campus at a cost of approximately \$110 per day for food and lodging. You may also choose to stay off campus, in which case costs would be dependent on your hotel choice. Per diem and mileage typically follow suggested rates from UI.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE VISITING SCIENTIST

MOSS faculty and staff can work with you to plan all aspects of your visit, including scheduling your time, arranging accommodations on our campus, and working with you to develop your educational activities.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Create a unique professional development opportunity for MOSS graduate students where they can interact with visiting scientists and professionals while learn about cutting edge research happening at universities and agencies.
- Get MOSS graduate students thinking about the possibilities of engaging in various research projects, completing a thesis track program and publishing their work. MOSS graduate students are often highly motivated and this is a good recruiting opportunity.
- Integrate current scientific research with the various education programs happening at MOSS.
- Raise awareness among visiting faculty/researchers of the research opportunities in the greater McCall area and of MOSS as a potential station out of which to base research.
- Create an avenue for visiting faculty/researchers to recruit MOSS graduate students into their research projects.
- Provide a unique opportunity for K12 students and teachers to interact face-to-face with scientists, as they themselves are engaging in the scientific process at MOSS.
- Provide a unique, informal learning opportunity for the local community where they can interact with university researchers in a comfortable setting.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Day 1

- Arrive Tuesday afternoon
- Have dinner in McCall or on campus with MOSS host(s)

Day 2

- K-12 program "Meet the Scientist". Provide a general 15-30 minute demonstration or program highlighting scientist's research to MOSS participants.
- Free time
- Participate in a McCall "Research Opportunities Tour". Lunch in McCall or sack lunch for trip.

- Free time
- Dinner in McCall or on campus with MOSS host(s)

Day 3

- Research collaboration meeting with MOSS faculty and staff to explore a potential joint research proposal.
- Free time
- Lunch in McCall with MOSS host(s)
- Research seminar with K12 teachers facilitated by MOSS faculty/staff
- Free time
- Dinner in McCall or on campus with MOSS host(s)

- "Science on Tap". 15-20 minute research presentation at a local brewery followed by a casual one hour discussion with community members.

Day 4

- Free time or additional event as needed (e.g. attend K12 research presentations)
- Lunch with MOSS graduate students
- Research seminar with MOSS graduate students