



Where would you go?  
What would you study?

# Connecticut

## 2015 Fellows

This summer, 13 teachers representing 7 schools embark on self-designed learning odysseys as scholars, researchers, adventurers and Fund for Teachers Fellows. After pursuing scientific data, participating in seminars, volunteering with community organizations and observing best practices, these teachers will return to their classrooms as lead learners to inspire their students and school communities.

### Smith Mowry

#### Columbus Magnet Elementary School

Train with world-class athletes at the Triathlon School for Beginners in Hawaii, gaining a better understanding of kinesiology, training and healthy habits to combat childhood obesity and develop life-long strategies for elementary school students.

### Andrew Pearce

#### Columbus Magnet Elementary School

Participate in zero-gravity weightless flight experience in Houston, TX to enhance current Young Astronauts curriculum and inspire a new generation of students to embrace STEM principles.

### Marina Outwater

#### Long River Middle School

Investigate the water crisis in India, one of the most populated countries in the world, to establish an inquiry-based, interdisciplinary unit and inspire students to be active agents of change.

### Joe LaPrad, Kelsey Murphy & Susan Quatrella

#### Brien McMahon High School

Study in Colombia methods of special education and science instruction (course progression, student-centered learning activities, inquiry-based learning) to better help students transition into the school system.

### Diana Manousos

#### Brien McMahon High School

Attend Taft Educational Center's AP Art History workshop in Watertown, CT, followed by an independent study tour of masterpieces throughout Italy, to teach a new course on the 250 works of art students need to know.

### Louis Schede

#### Norwalk High School

Participate in a month-long NOLS Wilderness course in the North Cascades Mountains of the Pacific Northwest, using new skills to establish a Wilderness Club that fosters students' perseverance, teamwork and leadership.

### Linda Ventura

#### Port Chester High School

Study performing and teaching musical improvisation with world-renowned jazz pianist/instructor Mr. Billy Lester to learn strategies for teaching creative musical improvisation, instrumental and vocal.

### Jean Ramos & Heather Temple

#### Port Chester Middle School

Examine multiple aspects of Cuba's history and art to broaden students' awareness and expand current repertoire of cultures explored within language classes serving a diverse population of Latino/Hispanic students.

### Jeannette Sanderson

#### Port Chester Middle School

Participate in a cultural immersion program in Costa Rica to learn Spanish, volunteer in a local school and improve understanding of Latin American culture to build relationships with students and their families, many of whom are native Spanish speakers from this region.

### Missy Giandurco

#### Wolfpit Elementary School

Explore the Hawaiian Islands' historical and cultural traditions and incorporate findings into current study of myths and folklore to develop vocabulary and story writing skills with mainstream, special education and ELL students.