2020 Summer Agriculture Institute (SAI) FACT SHEET

Summer Agriculture Institute (SAI) is a 3-credit, week long, graduate level course for K12 educators with little or no agricultural background, offered through Oregon State University.

The goal of SAI is to help educators use Agriculture as a context (or theme) for teaching the Academic Standards (science, math, social studies, English, etc.). Additionally, educators will receive hands on instruction and collateral materials to incorporate agriculture into their classroom curriculum. SAI provides a working environment for participants to experience current, factual, scientific information about agriculture.

**Key Topics:** Land and Water Usage  Ag Marketing and Economics Ag Education Applications Hydroponics Food Safety  Commercial Farming

**Benefits:** Receive 3 graduate level credits from OSU (*equivalent to 60 PDUs*) for a fraction of the cost; high quality, accredited collateral materials provided; firsthand experience interacting with agriculture through tours of processing plants, farms, nurseries and agribusiness operations; opportunities to meet and work with agriculturists; hotel accommodations, meals, and networking opportunities.

**Requirements:** Onsite participation (5 nights and 6 days) for all SAI candidates; an overnight stay with a host farm family (1 of the 5 nights); $600.00 registration fee payable to OAEF (Non-Refundable after June 2\textsuperscript{nd}); (Contact school to determine if registration is reimbursable) develop a comprehensive lesson plan utilizing knowledge gained as a SAI participant. Once application is accepted, applicant must submit a Graduate Non-Degree Admit Application with $35 fee to OSU.

**SAI History:** Inception in 1989; the program was adopted by OAEF in 1991; funding provided by private, commodity, organizational and agribusinesses.

**Contact Information:** For SAI Applications and/or SAI Presentation Requests, please contact project coordinators directly.

* Licensing Information for Teachers:*

All teachers (whether full time, part-time, or substitutes) must document 25 Professional Development Units (PDUs) every year of the current license, or the equivalent. For additional information regarding PDUs please contact TSPC (Teacher Standards and Practices Commission).

The SAI application is available at oregonfb.org.