

Dear Colleagues,

Oklahoma is a state partner in the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Science Alternate Assessment Consortium. DLM Science assessments are designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities and measure student mastery of content in science. The 2015-2016 academic year is the first year the DLM science assessment is operational. Student responses obtained during this first operational testing window will be used to determine what level of mastery is associated with certain performance levels. This process is referred to as standard setting.

As a partner state, we have the opportunity to recruit educators to serve on one of four panels that will help set standards:

- Elementary (grades 3-5)
- Middle (grades 6-8)
- High school (grades 9-12)
- High school biology (end-of-instruction 9-12)

We are writing to invite volunteers from Oklahoma to serve on these four DLM standard setting panels. We seek educators with a broad array of perspectives and backgrounds, although we especially seek individuals with content expertise in science and in education and assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Other subject matter experts and individuals who work at establishments that employ individuals with significant cognitive disabilities are also encouraged to volunteer to serve on high school panels.

We ask that panelists commit to up to four hours of training in advance of the meeting and to attend and on-site standard setting meeting in Kansas City, MO June 15-17, 2016. Panelists must be present for the entire on-site meeting. Panelists who participate outside the scope of their usual job requirements will be paid a stipend of \$600 to complete advance training and participate in the entire on-site meeting.

Volunteers are invited to complete a background survey online following the link provided ([https://kansasedu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_b1ZapjxIBg3xDqI](https://kansasedu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b1ZapjxIBg3xDqI)). The deadline to volunteer to participate in a standard setting panel is Friday, April 8th, 2016. DLM will notify volunteers who are selected to serve on panels.

We would appreciate your assistance with recruiting volunteers to serve as standard setting panelists.

Questions about the standard setting process should be directed to [d1m@ku.edu](mailto:d1m@ku.edu).

Thank you for your assistance with the recruitment process!