The BEST Program – Phase III BUILD Teaching Career Exploration 2018 offers BEST program students the opportunity to teach at WSU or the partner institution of the NIH ReBUILDetroit program, University of Detroit Mercy, during the Winter 2018 term.

Applicants should have knowledge/experience in the disciplinary content associated with one of these subjects within the context of Research Coordination Network (RCN) model:

- **Chemistry**: environmental and analytical chemistry
- **Biology**: genomics, bioinformatics
- **Social/Health Sciences**: socio-ecological mixed-methods to investigate health disparities

**Eligibility**

Please see the Announcement for all the BEST program Career Exploration 2018 opportunities for details concerning requirements for participation in Phase III.

**Responsibilities**

This Teaching Career Exploration experience will require a commitment of approximately 20 hours of orientation in December 2017, and 8-10 hours per week from January through May, 2018.

The structure of the experience will include:

- Working at one of the partner campuses where you will collaborate with the faculty of a specific RCN course/lab. This includes engaging and contributing actively in the course design, delivery and assessment of student learning, in addition to attending each class/laboratory session.
- Participating in peer-facilitated weekly discussions of teaching and learning related to your discipline-specific RCN.
- Participating in monthly peer-led discussions of literature from the educational research that underlies course-based undergraduate research and evidence-based instructional practices across all three RCN disciplines.
- Participating in periodic ReBUILDetroit consortium events in Detroit, including professional development workshops and gatherings of all students selected for this Teaching opportunity.
- Documenting your experience through a reflective journal and Individualized Development Plan (IDP) and/or teaching portfolio.
- Participating in evaluation activities to measure your growth and development, and obtain feedback on the design and implementation of the RCN courses.
Announcement

BEST Program Phase III – Career Exploration 2018

Application Process

All applications must include the following items:

1. The completed 2-page application form
2. A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume
3. An unofficial transcript of doctoral coursework

Please compile these three items into one PDF file and send it to BEST@wayne.edu.

A completed application indicates a student’s commitment, but is not a guarantee of selection.

Application deadline is Monday, October 23, 2017.

You may be asked to submit a letter of recommendation from your advisor by BUILD reviewers.

Notification

Review of Phase III applications for Teaching Career Explorations with BUILD will begin immediately. Finalist interviews will occur the week of November 6, 2017.

Career Exploration Requirements

Participants are required to enroll in GS 7890 – Preparing Doctoral Trainees for Multiple Careers. This is a 1-credit online course oriented toward doctoral students interested in preparing for a career outside of research-focused academia. GS 7890 is will be offered Spring/Summer 2018.

Participants will be expected to submit a report upon completion of their BUILD Career Exploration (this is a requirement for receiving a BEST stipend) and are also expected to participate in data collection activities.

Contact Information

Please contact Heidi Kenaga, Program Manager, Graduate School, at BEST@wayne.edu if you have questions.

For more information about the ReBUILDDetroit program, see rebuildetroit.org.