FAQs

What is expected of participants in the Shipboard Science Workshop?

All workshop attendees are expected to participate in the following activities (subject to change, as cruise planning proceeds):

• Assigned sampling, data analysis, lectures, and curriculum investigations
• Background readings and video clips
• Journal and blog activities during the cruise
• Sharing an individually-developed Great Lakes lesson
• A group research presentation based on topic(s) and format provided during workshop
• Completion of all workshop evaluations

How do I earn graduate credit for this workshop?

Participants can earn 2 semester hours of graduate credit (still being arranged; last year it was $350 for 2 semester hours, pass/fail). In order to receive credit, the workshop attendee must meet all participant expectations listed above, as well as complete the following additional assignments:

• Expand on your group’s presentation to include further background information on your research subject (e.g., photos, evidence from data collection, citations from the literature)
• Write a one-page description identifying and explaining how you will use the lessons, pedagogical strategies, or research skills learned from the workshop with your educational audience
• Submit all assignments by the due date (to be specified)

How much does it cost to attend this workshop?

The workshop is free to attend, funded through the USEPA and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. While at sea, lodging on the ship and meals are provided. There will be potentially one meal where participants have the option to dine off the ship, which will be on their own. We may have some opportunities for souvenir shopping in our port stops, so please bring spending money, as there may not always be ATMs available.
Costs not directly covered include travel expenses incurred to and from Milwaukee. The stipend provided upon completion of the cruise and workshop evaluation may be used to help cover any travel expenses.

When will I receive reimbursement?

There will be forms to complete at the end of the workshop. Minnesota Sea Grant will process the reimbursement forms after the cruise. Reimbursement will take place as follows: $300 will be awarded after completion of the post-workshop survey; the remaining $200 will be awarded upon successful completion of workshop requirements.

I’ve attended a previous Shipboard Science Workshop on the R/V Lake Guardian — can I apply again?

Unfortunately, because we are only able to offer 15 spaces to educators each year, we do not extend an invitation to teachers who have already participated in the R/V Lake Guardian educator cruise.

Additional documents with information about the workshop syllabus, cruise itinerary, and packing lists will be provided to accepted applicants.