

# Center for **Inspired Teaching**

*Transforming education through innovative teacher training*

## **Director of Strategic Partnerships** **Full-time Position based in Washington, DC** **Available Immediately**

For 20 years, Center for Inspired Teaching has been engaging teachers as partners in education reform through our ground breaking, innovative approach to teacher preparation and professional development. We are seeking an experienced, creative manager and social entrepreneur to serve as Director of Strategic Partnerships. Reporting to the Executive Director, the Director of Strategic Partnerships will serve as a member of the executive team, and will lead Inspired Teaching's newest initiative to change the way students learn STEM subjects, social studies, and reading and writing in Washington, DC public schools and beyond.

### **Who we are:**

Center for Inspired Teaching is building a better school experience for students by transforming the role of the teacher from information provider to *Instigator of Thought*. Inspired Teaching has a unique, inquiry-based model of teaching and learning, and a proven, asset-based approach to investing in teachers to deepen and strengthen their practice. We are committed to teacher leadership and elevating teacher voice and engagement as a critical component of curriculum writing, teacher professional development, and advancing the teaching profession.

We teach teachers to inspire young people to become knowledgeable, self-disciplined, and compassionate citizens. Students of Inspired Teachers learn to be independent thinkers who identify and solve complex problems inside and outside of school, and actively strive to make positive change in their communities and in society. We employ a comprehensive approach to changemaking:

- **Shift** the practice of inservice teachers through participant driven professional development and curriculum development in partnership with school districts;
- **Prepare** new teachers to be Instigators of Thought through the DC State approved, residency-based Inspired Teacher Certification Program; and
- **Model** Inspired Teaching in action at the Inspired Teaching Demonstration School (a DC public charter school) and in classrooms of Inspired Teachers across Washington, DC.

### **Who we want:**

The Director of Strategic Partnerships will lead Inspired Teaching's newest program, a comprehensive partnership with the Washington, DC Public Schools, focused on developing a cadre of Teacher Leaders; providing transformative, capacity-building, professional development for teachers district-wide; and creating rigorous CCSS and NGSS-aligned curricula. Our current partnership with DCPS focuses on infusing literacy into social studies and science instruction through Inspired Teaching's inquiry-based, student-centered instructional approach. The Director of Strategic Partnerships will also lead the expansion of program offerings into new content areas and new school districts.

**The Director of Strategic Partnerships will lead Inspired Teaching's comprehensive, multi-year professional development and curriculum development partnerships with DCPS**

Building on Inspired Teaching's successful CCSS-based multi-year partnerships with DCPS and Baltimore City Public Schools, BLISS: Building Literacy in the Social Studies will serve high school teachers and their students and SCALE: Science Curriculum Advancement through Literacy Enhancement will serve K-12 teachers and students. The Director of Strategic Partnerships will build his/her team for the SCALE and BLISS programs, including hiring and supervising a Science Education Manager and a Social Studies Education Manager. (Full position description available at <http://www.inspiredteaching.org/about/opportunities>.)

**Responsibilities Include:**

- Recruiting, selecting, and training Teacher Leaders via an intensive Inspired Teaching Summer Institute and ongoing professional development during the academic year
- Identifying, training, and building strong relationships with professional scientists and historians who will serve as Content Experts
- Writing of prototype instructional modules with Teacher Leaders and Content Experts
- Presenting district-wide professional development in Inspired Teaching's inquiry-based instructional model and the CCSS and NGSS
- Engaging current and new donors to supplement district funding for SCALE and BLISS
- Managing DCPS partnership, and securing new district and school-based partners in future years
- Attending and presenting at local and national panels, hearings, and conferences
- Serving as a member of Center for Inspired Teaching's executive team

**Qualifications:**

- An advanced degree in education and/or business management
- A successful track record as a program developer, manager, and team supervisor
- Classroom teaching experience – or – extensive knowledge of the education landscape with particular emphasis on curriculum and instruction and CCSS
- Successful experience in fundraising and communications
- Expertise in science and/or social studies content areas a plus
- Experience working within, or in partnership with, a school system
- Experience writing curriculum
- Desire to be part of an entrepreneurial, impact-driven team
- Commitment to a progressive, inquiry-based approach to instruction; belief that all children, regardless of race, geography, or income level, can thrive in an inquiry-based classroom with a teacher who embraces Inspired Teaching's [instructional model](#)
- Belief in the power of teachers to drive productive, authentic education reform
- Commitment to Inspired Teaching's core values:
  - Relentlessly impact driven *and* nurturing;
  - Decentralized *and* integrated;
  - Radical creativity *and* structured execution

**Salary** is competitive and commensurate with professional experience. **Benefits** include health care, retirement plan, and vacation; an excellent working environment; and the ability to have an impact on public education and the lives of children in Washington, DC and nationwide.

**Interested applicants should send** a cover letter; resume; 1 to 3 page writing sample; and names and contact information of 3 professional references to: Center for Inspired Teaching, 1436 U St., NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20009; or [info@inspiredteaching.org](mailto:info@inspiredteaching.org).

*Center for Inspired Teaching is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are committed to a diverse workplace. Persons of color and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.*