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**Science Teachers Program Presents Opportunity**

Arkema Inc., a global chemical and materials supplier, is looking for grade 3-6 teachers to participate in an annual Science Teachers Program at its King of Prussia headquarters and R&D center.

For last year’s program, Arkema’s King of Prussia site hosted 13 local teachers from seven schools for a few days in the summer. Arkema scientists worked with the teachers to explore science demonstrations for the classroom, and ways to use real-life examples to bring science to life for students. Each teacher was able to select a science kit for classroom use, with the company covering the cost. In addition, each teacher received a $500 award and each participating school received a $500 donation for use in paying expenses related to science education.

“The science kits selected by teachers are an important part of this program,” said Kelly Lutz, an Arkema scientist who does research on organic peroxides. “We spend a significant part of our program budget on the kits, and they include excellent teaching resources. While the teachers are with us, we spend a lot of time exploring how the kits can be used to engage students.”

This year, the King of Prussia site will hold its Science Teachers Program August 1-3. Area teachers can learn more and submit an application at [www.scienceforteachers.com](http://www.scienceforteachers.com). The selection process will give a preference to teachers from schools in lower-income areas.