

Foodborne disease outbreaks and food recalls frequent the news. What organisms cause these diseases? What can an individual do to protect themselves from these diseases? What measures are being taken by the federal government to prevent transmission of these diseases?

Science, health, and family and consumer science teachers have an opportunity to provide inquiry-based lessons related to these outbreaks and recalls. Lessons can be found in the curriculum *Science and Our Food Supply* developed jointly by FDA and NSTA. And, in order to prepare teachers to use these lessons, FDA provides a free multidimensional professional development program that will take place July 16 – 23, 2017 in Washington, DC. Included in the program are transportation to and from Washington and all housing and meal expenses.

During the program, selected teachers will participate in activities such as the following - meet with FDA and USDA scientists to learn about their current research on foodborne diseases and nutrition; work with instructors at the microbiology lab at the University of Maryland to learn proper techniques to use in doing microbiology labs with their own students; and, tour USDA's farm in Beltsville, MD.

Selected teachers are asked to implement the curriculum in their classrooms during the 2017 - 2018 school year and to do a hands-on workshop on the curriculum for other teachers.

To apply online – deadline April 18, 2017- go to: <http://www.teachfoodscience.org/apply.asp>
The *Science and Our Food Supply* curriculum guides on which the summer program is based are available from this [website](#).

We strongly suggest you review these guides before applying for the summer workshop.