



## Cosmic Serpent - Bridging Native and Western Learning in Museum Settings

### California Regional Institutional Agreement Form for

\_\_\_\_\_

first name of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_

last name of applicant

Dear Director, Supervisor or Administrator,

The Cosmic Serpent is a four-year program funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The goal of the Cosmic Serpent program is to help museum educators develop new capacities and skills to be incorporated into museum programs that enable all learners to cross cultural borders, in this instance, the culture of Western science and the cultures of Indigenous peoples. The co-Investigators for the program are Dr. Nancy Maryboy and Dr. David Begay of the Indigenous Education Institute, Santa Fe, NM and Dr. Laura Peticolas of the Space Sciences Laboratory, UC Berkeley. Participants in the California Workshop will take part in a 5-day workshop in Southern California in February of 2010, and return for a later 2-to 4-day workshop, and the project's culminating conference. Participants will also contribute to the establishment of a regional network of practitioners and through ongoing communication and support, sustain the learning community established through this program. Although not a requirement, we encourage program participants to attend in pairs, and also ask for each participant to mentor a colleague once they return to their home institution.

Travel and per diem costs associated with participation in the Cosmic Serpent workshops will be covered by the NSF funds. However, the staff mentoring time and regional network participation, in addition to any Cosmic Serpent related programming costs, would need to be covered by the participants' institution. For more information on the Cosmic Serpent project, please visit <http://www.cosmicserpent.org>

An application for participation in the Cosmic Serpent program has been submitted to us by the member of your staff listed above. Since the Cosmic Serpent implies significant commitment of time, a dedication towards mentoring a colleague and active participation in a regional network, it is very important to us that we have your institutional support for all participants. For this reason, we request that an appropriate institutional leader sign the following commitment letter.

Name of Institutional Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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Statement of Commitment: I certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Institution)

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

will fully support the participation of the applicant named above and understand that she/he will be talking part in the following activities over the three year period of the grant through September 2011:

- Attendance at the Cosmic Serpent California Workshop in Southern California, February 8-12, 2010, a later 2-to-4 day follow-up workshop and a culminating conference at the program end.
- Mentoring of one additional colleague at your museum on Cosmic Serpent content, strategies, methodologies, and tools for the length of the project.
- Active participation in the Cosmic Serpent regional network established to facilitate ongoing communication with other project participants and organizers.
- Voluntary participation in project evaluation to improve the project and assess impact.
- Implementation of new content, knowledge, practices, and strategies gained as part of Cosmic Serpent into existing and/or new museum programming for your Native and non-Native audiences.
- Active communication with you to facilitate long-term institutional commitment to the vision and premises of the Cosmic Serpent project.

I understand that, if selected, this applicant's workshop materials, meals, lodging and transportation (maximum caps established by UC Berkeley Travel Policy) will be covered by the Cosmic Serpent project. I also understand that Cosmic Serpent-related programming costs at our institution, if any, are our institution's responsibility.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or fax the both pages of the completed Institutional Commitment Form

**Mail to** Cosmic Serpent Selection Committee

Space Sciences Laboratory, UC Berkeley

7 Gauss Way

Berkeley, CA 94720-7450

Attn. Dr. Laura Peticolas

**Or fax to** (510) 643-5660

For any questions, please contact:

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