

Urban Advantage at a Glance

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Administrators

Principals and Assistant Principals

All professional learning registration is through the myUA portal at <https://myua.amnh.org>

Professional Learning

UA 2023-2024 Administrator Kick-offs and Orientations

- Kick-offs are being offered for new-to-UA Administrators or Administrators who wish to learn about the resources being offered for the 2022-23 school year:
 - 3:00-4:00 PM, Thursday, August 31, 2023
 - 3:00-4:00 PM, Wednesday, September 13, 2023
 - 12:00-1:00 PM, Saturday, September 16, 2023

UA 2023-2024 Administrator Breakfasts (for Principals and Assistant Principals)

- Breakfasts are opportunities for Administrators to meet the UA partners, to learn about the program and our approach to Professional Learning, and to learn how to best support their UA-participating teachers and parent coordinators.
- Breakfasts are for both ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE school leaders. Attendance is required for continued participation. Two Administrator Breakfast Events will be held in person at AMNH, two will be held online on Zoom. **UA 2023-24 Administrator Breakfast dates are from 9:00-11:00 am on the following Wednesdays:**
 - 9:00-11:00 AM, December 6, 2023 In Person at AMNH
 - 9:00-11:00 AM, February 7, 2024 Online on Zoom
 - 9:00-11:00 AM, April 3, 2024 Online on Zoom
 - 9:00-11:00 AM, May 8, 2024 In Person at AMNH

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Parent Coordinators

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Professional Learning

UA 2023-2024 Parent Coordinator Kick-offs

- Kick-offs will be online using Zoom. Elementary and Middle School Parent Coordinators will be together. You can choose to attend one of the following times:
 - 10:00-11:00 AM, Wednesday, August 30, 2023
 - 10:00-11:00 AM, Thursday, August 31, 2023
 - 10:00-11:00 AM, Thursday, September 14, 2023

PC Workshops:

- Workshops focus on building parent coordinators professionally by giving them resources and tools to connect family engagement with science learning in their communities. These workshops help boost the PCs confidence in leading science learning outside of our partner institutions.
Attendance at a minimum of one workshop is required. Do not register for all; only register for those you can attend.
- Workshop descriptions and dates are emailed to PCs:
 - November 21, 2023, Tuesday, at American Museum of Natural History
 - December 5, 2023, Thursday, at Staten Island Zoo
 - January 23 2024, Tuesday, at Bronx Zoo
 - February 5, 2024, Monday, at Brooklyn Botanic Garden
 - February 27, 2024, Tuesday, at New York Hall of Science
 - March 26, 2024, Tuesday, at NY Aquarium
 - April 18, 2024, Thursday, at Queens Botanical Garden
 - May 14, 2024, Tuesday, at New York Botanical Garden

PC Chats:

- Chats are 2-3 hours long with an hour option 1 hour networking lunch that provides PCs a chance to explore a UA partner institution and their exhibits. These chats support PCs in leading a School Community trip and learning hands-on activities that can be done before or after their visit.

- PC Chats will all be in person on the following dates:
 - TBD at American Museum of Natural History
 - TBD at Staten Island Zoo
 - TBD at Bronx Zoo
 - TBD at Brooklyn Botanic Garden
 - TBD at New York Hall of Science
 - TBD at NY Aquarium
 - TBD at Queens Botanical Garden
 - TBD at New York Botanical Garden

Town Halls

- UA partners will lead 2 town halls. These town halls are meant to be a check in with PCs to recap past events and get feedback about how things are going.
- There is one mid-year check in, usually in the month of January. The end of the year town hall usually takes place in the month of June.

School Community Trips

- UA suggests schools use their UA School Community Trip vouchers & the UA-provided buses for a fall and spring trip. Please book ahead of time. Booking requires a reservation at the institution and a separate bus request. Using these resources is seen as dedication to continued participation in UA. UA resources for PCs can be found at <https://myua.amnh.org>, your UA portal account, forum tab at the upper right.

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Middle School Teachers

All professional learning registration is through the myUA portal at <https://myua.amnh.org>

New Teacher Professional Learning

- 42 hours of professional learning:
 - Cycle 1: ~12 hours
 - Cycle 2: 30 hours
- Registration for CYCLE 1 is through the UA portal at <https://myua.amnh.org>

Continuing Teacher Professional Learning

Kick-offs

Kick-off is **required for all continuing UA teachers** (2-5 years in UA). These will all be online via Zoom. Important program information will be reviewed during this time.

Kick-off dates are:

- 4:00-5:00 PM, Thursday, September 7, 2023
- 9:00-10:00 AM, Saturday, September 9, 2023
- 3:00-4:00 PM: Friday, September 15, 2023
- 9:00-10:00 AM, Sunday, September 17, 2023
- 3:00-4:00 PM, Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Year 2 and 3 Teacher Professional Learning

Required 21 hours of continuing teacher PL

- 1-hour kick-off
- Two 10-hour courses or one 20-hour course.

Year 4 and 5 Teacher Professional Learning

Required 11 hours of continuing teacher PL with the option to complete 16 hours.

- 1-hour kick-off
- One 10-hour course

See the CTPL catalog at <https://uanyc.science/UA-PL-Course-Catalog>

Alumni Teacher Professional Learning

- **FY24 Update: Participation in UA ends after year 10 for teachers. Those in their tenth or above year will complete their participation at the end of FY24. We encourage you to enlist other science teachers at your school to apply.**
- Kick-off is optional for teachers year 6 and above.
- Professional learning is **optional** for Middle School Alumni teachers years 6-10. Register at <https://myua.amnh.org>.
- We encourage you to participate in UA's professional learning program for Alumni teachers.
 - Alumni teachers may choose from UA's offering of 400-level courses.

The UA Alumni Teacher PL Catalog can be viewed at <https://uanyc.science/UA-PL-Course-Catalog>

Stipends

- **Stipends and CTLE credit are only awarded to completed courses. Partial payment will not be given. Please only register for courses you can attend in full.**
- Weekend professional learning - teacher receives a stipend of \$35 per hour.
- Weekday professional learning - school receives reimbursement for a substitute teacher at the NYCDOE per day, per teacher rate of \$199.27.

PL Materials

- Professional Learning participants will receive professional learning materials that support PL content.

PL Participation Benefits

- On-site school visits are available for teachers who participate in UA's PL program for Alumni teachers. Request your visit at <https://myua.amnh.org>, school visit tab.
- Family Engagement Events:
 - Family Science Days (October at each institution)
 - Family Engagement Visits at your school
 - Nature Near Me meet-up events
 - Expo End of Year Celebration (June)

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Elementary School Teachers

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New Teacher Professional Learning

Orientations

- Orientations will take place in person at the American Museum of Natural History. These are mandatory for all new teachers. You must choose one of the following options:
 - 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM, Tuesday, September 26, 2023
 - 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM, Sunday, October 1, 2023

Year 1 Teacher Professional Learning

- One 20-hour course
- You will learn more about this course during orientation.

Continuing and Alumni Teacher Professional Learning

Kick-offs

Kick-off is **required for all continuing UA teachers including Alumni in their 4th year**. These will all be online via Zoom. Important program information will be reviewed during this time.

- Kick-off dates:
 - 9:00-10:00 AM, Saturday, September 9, 2023
 - 3:00- 4:00 PM, Monday, September 18, 2023
 - 3:00- 4:00 PM, Thursday, September 21, 2023
 - 9:00-10:00 AM, Saturday, September 30, 2023

Year 2-4 Teacher Professional Learning

Required 21 hours of continuing teacher PL

- 1-hour kick-off
- One 20-hour course.

Year 5+ Alumni Teacher Professional Learning

- FY24 Update: Participation in UA ends after year 10 for teachers. Those in their tenth or above year will complete their participation at the end of FY24. This year, professional learning is **optional** for Elementary School Alumni teachers years 5-10. Register at <https://myua.amnh.org>.
- This year, you can enroll in select 300-400 level Middle School courses. These focus on adapting instruction based on student ideas and reflective practices, respectively. Registration will be first come, first served.

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Vouchers

All vouchers will be available to download through the myUA portal beginning in September 2023

Class Trip Vouchers (for Teachers)

- Class trip vouchers are available for download from the vouchers tab on the portal. UA suggests teachers book up to two (2) trips per year. Planning and booking ahead of time is recommended.
- Class Trip Vouchers expire on **May 31, 2024**

Teacher, PC, and Administrator Vouchers

- Vouchers are available to teachers, PCs, and Administrators.
- These vouchers are used to explore institutions to pre-plan field trips.
- This voucher admits 4 people in total.
- Teacher, PC, and Administrator Vouchers expire on **June 30, 2024**

Student +3 Vouchers

- Voucher available for download to UA-participating teachers only for distribution to the students they directly teach.
- This voucher admits 4 people in total.
- Student +3 Vouchers expire on **June 30, 2024**

School Community Trip Vouchers (for Parent Coordinators)

- School Community vouchers are available for download from the vouchers tab on the portal. UA suggests PCs book up to two (2) trips per year. Planning and booking ahead of time is recommended.
- Trips are to support non-school day community experiences to UA partner institutions.
- TWO FREE BUSES are available to be reserved to support non-school day school community trips. **All bus reservations must be placed through the UA portal at <https://myua.amnh.org>**
- School Community Trip Vouchers expire on **June 30, 2024**

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Family Events

UA Family Science Day (FSD) Events in October

- **Free** for all Families whose students are taught by UA-participating teachers
- Fliers for FSD will be emailed to UA teachers for distribution to students
- Dates:
 - o Sunday, 10/8, at New York Botanical Garden
 - o Monday, 10/9, at Staten Island Zoo
 - o Saturday, 10/14, at both Bronx Zoo and at New York Hall of Science
 - o Sunday, 10/15, at both Queens Botanical Garden and Brooklyn Botanic Garden
 - o Sunday, 10/22, at American Museum Natural History

UA Science Expo

- **Tentatively scheduled for early June 2024** at AMNH. Flyers for free attendance are emailed in mid-May.
- All UA teachers are expected to attend; administrators and guests are encouraged to attend.
- All UA teachers are invited to have students present work at the event.

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School Visits

All visit requests must be placed through myUA at <https://myua.amnh.org>

****Submit your request at least two (2) weeks before the date of your event.****

Teacher Support Visit

- Partners can work with you on-site at your school, at one of the partner institutions, or virtually to support teachers as they implement UA tools and strategies in their classrooms and to support teachers in planning field trips linked to their science curriculum.
- UA Partners can:
 - Work with teachers to conference with students on student work
 - Assist with the planning and execution of science investigations
 - Support the use of and where to embed UA tools and strategies throughout the curriculum

Family Engagement Visit (family science events at your school)

- UA can support your school's...
 - Open House
 - PA/PTA Meetings
 - Curriculum Night
 - Family Science Events

General Program Implementation Visit

- UA can visit you and your staff to discuss UA resources, how your school and its participants will work together to thrive in the UA partnership, and the implementation of UA tools & strategies. Please email Lauren Tecosky, Assistant Director of School Partnerships, at LTecosky@amnh.org or request through the portal.

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Classroom Materials

Class Information and Student supply orders must be placed through myUA at <https://myua.amnh.org>

Elementary and Middle School Teacher/Classroom Supplies

- UA teachers year 1-5 (middle school) and in years 1-3 (elementary school) receive an allocation for classroom supplies.
- All UA teachers, including ALUMNI, must submit class information (number of students taught per class) through the UA portal by **October 2, 2023**.
- The Orders Portal will be open on October 2nd, 2023.
- All supply orders must be submitted by **January 31, 2024**.
 - o You can find guidelines for purchasing on myUA.

Helpful Links

UA Website: www.urbanadvantagenyc.org

UA Portal: <https://myua.amnh.org>

UA Calendar: <https://uanyc.science/calendar>

UA Teacher Manual: <https://uanyc.science/uam>

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