



**OP-TEC Fellowships for the SAME-TEC Advanced Technological Education Conference, July 28 – 31, 2008 in Austin, TX, Sponsored by the National Science Foundation**

**Who Are We?**

The National Center for Optics and Photonics Education (OP-TEC) is a consortium of two-year colleges, high schools, universities, national laboratories, industry partners, and professional societies. Funded by the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program, OP-TEC is establishing a national infrastructure for developing and supporting widely disseminated educational programs in cutting-edge, high-demand technologies that require photonics. OP-TEC is committed to developing a robust supply of highly-qualified and well-prepared technicians to maintain the nation's technical and economic dominance in photonics and photonics-enhanced technologies. For more information, visit OP-TEC on the web at [www.op-tec.org](http://www.op-tec.org).

**How Does It Work?**

There are two fellowships being offered by OP-TEC with funding provided by the National Science Foundation:

- **OP-TEC Full Fellowship:** This fellowship is for faculty who are interested in attending up to two full days of pre-conference workshops to be held on July 28-29, 2008 in addition to the SAME-TEC conference sessions on July 30-31, 2008. The Full Fellowship is valued at over \$1,400.
- **OP-TEC Associate Fellowship:** This fellowship is for faculty who are interested in attending the SAME-TEC conference sessions to be held on July 30-31, 2008. The Associate Fellowship is valued at over \$700.

Visit [www.same-tec.org](http://www.same-tec.org) for more information about the conference and workshop offerings.

**OP-TEC Full Fellowships Include the Following:**

- **Registration fees (\$160-\$320)** for fellow's choice of up to two full days of SAME-TEC pre-conference workshops to be held on July 28-29 (includes continental breakfast and lunch on each day). Fellows may either choose one full day of pre-conference workshops on July 29 or two full days of pre-conference workshops on July 28 and 29. Fellows may not choose to attend pre-conference workshops on July 28 only.
- **Registration fee (\$440)** for the SAME-TEC conference to be held on July 30-31 (includes continental breakfast and lunch on both days).
- **Three or four nights lodging (\$495-\$660)** at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. Fellows who select one day of pre-conference workshops (July 29 only) will be approved for three nights of lodging. Fellows who select two days of pre-conference workshops (July 28 and 29) will be approved for four nights of lodging. The fellow or fellow's institution agrees to pay for any additional lodging beyond these nights and/or any incidentals that they may incur.

**NOTE:** OP-TEC Full Fellows are required to attend both days of conference sessions (July 30-31) as well as one or two days of pre-conference workshops (July 28-29). Transportation is not included with the Full Fellowship. By accepting a Full Fellowship, the fellow or fellow's institution agrees to pay for transportation and any meals and incidentals associated with attending the SAME-TEC conference. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided during each day of the conference and pre-conference workshops.



**OP-TEC Associate Fellowships Include the Following:**

- **Registration fee (\$440)** for the SAME-TEC conference to be held on July 30-31 (includes continental breakfast and lunch on both days).
- **Two nights lodging (\$330)** at the Renaissance Austin Hotel, arriving on July 29 and departing on July 31. The fellow or fellow's institution agrees to pay for any additional lodging beyond these two nights and/or any incidentals that they may incur.

**NOTE:** OP-TEC Associate Fellows are required to attend both days of the conference sessions (July 30-31). Transportation is not included with the Associate Fellowship. By accepting an Associate Fellowship, the fellow or fellow's institution agrees to pay for transportation and any meals and incidentals associated with attending the SAME-TEC conference. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided during each day of the conference.

**Why is OP-TEC doing this?**

OP-TEC has received funding from the National Science Foundation to support faculty to attend the SAME-TEC conference and to give faculty the ability to add optics and photonics to their curricula. The SAME-TEC conference is an excellent networking opportunity for those interested in optics and photonics and other converging technologies.

**Terms and Conditions:**

- **Complete and submit the application**, including a paragraph describing how you are or would consider incorporating optics and photonics in your classroom and how you will consider using the workshop and/or conference material in your classroom if you are selected to attend. **The application deadline is May 15, 2008.**
- **Upon acceptance as a fellow:** make your own travel arrangements and register for the workshop and/or conference. Information will be emailed to you on how to make your hotel arrangements and register for the conference if you are selected. Arrangements for transportation to and from the conference are done on your own. **The deadline for making travel arrangements and registering for the conference is June 1, 2008.**
- **Attend** SAME-TEC pre-conference workshops and participate in workshop activities on July 28 and/or July 29 depending on workshop selections (Full Fellows only).
- **Attend** the entire two-day SAME-TEC conference on July 30-31 (both Full and Associate Fellows).
- **At the conference** – turn in the conference evaluation.
- **After the conference** – throughout the year, complete and return short follow-up surveys regarding potential usage of the workshop and conference materials.
- **Submit** copies of classroom materials created using workshop and conference materials to OP-TEC.

**NOTE:** If travel plans are altered once they have been booked, the fellow or the fellow's institution will be responsible for any charges incurred. Hotel reservations are subject to the hotel cancellation policy. SAME-TEC conference and pre-conference workshop registrations are subject to the SAME-TEC cancellation policy.



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### Application:

To apply for a fellowship, complete the fellowship application on the SAME-TEC website ([www.same-tec.org](http://www.same-tec.org)). **The deadline for applications is May 15, 2008.** Applications are reviewed on a first come, first served basis. There are a limited number of fellowships available, so be sure to apply early.

### Questions?

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