



High School or Middle School Teachers: Involve your students in real PLANET MARS scientific research:

- Interact with Mars scientists
 - Help analyze Mars images
- AND**
- Receive a stipend for providing feedback about the experience

As part of the evaluation of the Mars Exploration Public Engagement Program, Science and Mathematics Program Improvement (SAMPI) at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI, is looking for teachers (and their students) who are interested in participating in the virtual Mars Student Imaging Program (MSIP) in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2008. Through the Internet, students work with Mars scientists at Arizona State University. Each group develops a scientific question related to the surface geology of Mars, studies the topic through actual images of the planet, and presents their findings to scientists through the Internet.

Teachers receive a **\$500 stipend** for providing regular feedback about the experience through telephone interviews, email surveys, one or more evaluator site visits to your classroom, student pre/post assessments, sharing of student work, etc. during the period of the project. Upon completing agreements with SAMPI, the teacher is expected to initiate the program with MSIP through the Internet. This project can be done with one or more classes, an after-school club, or summer program participants. It is targeted at middle and high school. Duration of the project is determined by the teacher and MSIP coordinators, but usually lasts from one to 3 months, depending on amount of time per week devoted to the project.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MSIP

and the Internet-based program GO TO <http://msip.asu.edu/>
click on Activity Formats, then on Distance Learning Format

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAMPI EVALUATION and RECEIVE \$500,

PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO: mark.jenness@wmich.edu.

We'll follow-up to make specific arrangements with those classes that are accepted into the project. Up to 10 teachers will be accepted in the program.

Reply by mid-May for summer and fall activities; earlier to participate in spring