A Guide to Using DonorsChoose.org for Participation in the Digital Promise Challenge Institute

Using DonorsChoose.org, you can request funding for professional development experiences including the Digital Promise Challenge Institute. The Institute will be a fully immersive, hands-on, professional learning experience that transcends the traditional divide between speakers and participants to create a vibrant and ongoing community.

What is DonorsChoose.org?
DonorsChoose.org is a nonprofit website that engages the public in public schools. Teachers from every corner of America create classroom project requests that are fulfilled by generous citizen donors as well as corporations and foundations that want to support our nation's students.

Can I post projects on DonorsChoose.org?
If you are an educator at a public or public charter school, are employed full-time by a school or district, and work directly with students at least 75% of the time, you are eligible to post projects. For most public school-employed classroom teachers, librarians, nurses, and school counselors, this website is for you!

Will my project get funded?
Digital Promise has a small amount of funding in place to support educators directly on the DonorsChoose.org platform. We will fund projects in order of submission until June 14 or until funds have been used.

How do I post a project?
Step 1: Create an account on donorschoose.org/teachers.
Step 2: Download our price quote. You will need this when you create your project.
Step 3: Create your project using the professional development project guidelines. Below is a sample narrative you can use to tell donors about what you will be doing at the Challenge Institute. We also recommend that you personalize this with why you want to attend and how it will impact your students. **Make sure you include "Digital Promise Challenge Institute" in the title of your project so it is easily discoverable on the platform.**

Sample Project Narrative

The Digital Promise Challenge Institute is a fully immersive, hands-on, unique professional learning experience in Monterey, CA, for educators and education leaders. I will have the opportunity to dive deeply into understanding shared challenges, access expertise and collaborators, and develop solutions that are relevant to my school.

At the Institute, I will work in a small team to develop solutions that lead to more engaging and effective learning experiences for my students. I will gain experience with Challenge Based Learning and be ready to put these ideas to work with my students and peers next year. I will also participate in hands-on workshops such as:

- From Algorithms to Data Visualizations: Computational Thinking for a Computational World
- Students Save the World: Design Thinking and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals
- Take a Look Around: Creating Immersive Media Using 360 Video and Images

I am excited to attend the Challenge Institute because...

My students will be impacted by....