



Subscription Information for the Flat Classroom® Project 2011-2012

OUR GOAL: TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN BEST GLOBAL COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIVE WORKSPACES FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS IN AND SERVING K-12 AROUND THE WORLD WHILE BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, TRAINEE TEACHERS AND POST SECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.

This information is for prospective Flat Classroom® Project teachers and classrooms. The subscription information detailed below is effective as of January 1, 2012.

Further information about the Flat Classroom® Project, can be found at <http://www.flatclassroomproject.net/> including:

- Application Form – <http://tinyurl.com/fcpapply>
- New Teacher Guide – <http://tinyurl.com/flatclassroomguide>

Subscription to Project

\$65 / project – includes 15 students

Explanation: The per-project school subscription will provide for one class of up to 15 students to be entered into one project. Any students above 15, a per-student fee is applicable. If the school or class wishes to enter another project in the same academic year, the same per project subscription rate will be applicable. The Flat Classroom Project Ning website may be used for other class activities during the year and includes the ability to upload video.

Per Student Fees (over 15 students)

Classrooms will be asked to pay for any additional students, above the first 15, entering a project as follows:

\$3.50 per student for new schools to the project

\$2.50 per student for teachers who have completed the Flat Classroom® Certified Teacher course



Optional Scholarships to Cover Per Student Fees

“Sweat Equity” – Some scholarships will be available to **‘Lead Teachers’** to cover per student fees on an application basis. This allows teachers to provide support for the project that will defray the administrative overhead costs of running the project. This is over and above the monitoring that teachers are required to do of their own student work for each project. Teachers awarded scholarship status will also serve on the Project Leadership Committee along with the Project Manager. Note: the basic subscription fee is still applicable to Lead Teacher classrooms. Sweat equity will be calculated at \$10 per hour, up to 10 hours maximum.

Project Management and Organization

Each Flat Classroom Project will have a Project Manager (who works in tandem with either Julie Lindsay or Vicki Davis). This is a stipend position filled via application by a Flat Classroom Certified teacher. In addition to the overall manager the following **‘Lead Teacher’** positions are available for ‘sweat equity’ scholarship via an application process. Each position below carries a 10-hour sweat equity scholarship. Full details will be given at the first online project launch and information meeting.

- **FCPLT - Judging:** Organization of Master Video List and Judges for the project. Liaison with all teachers in the project to ensure classrooms have a clear understanding of requirements for multimedia artifact creation and submission. Liaison with and organization of an international set of judges. Co-planning and organization of Awards Ceremony with Project Manager. Member of the Project Leadership Committee.
- **FCPLT - Sounding Board Classrooms:** Organization of classrooms to be peer review sounding boards. Liaison with sounding board teachers to ensure clear understanding of the process and requirements. Member of the Project Leadership Committee.
- **FCPLT - Expert Advisors and Student Summits:** Organization of global experts to interact with student wiki research development. Liaison with advisors to ensure understanding of requirements. Organization of Student Summits during and at the close of the project. Member of the Project Leadership Committee.



Included Services and Websites

Access to Leading Web 2.0 Tools:

- Flat Classroom Project Ning – <http://flatclassroomproject.ning.com> with video and blogging upload access for the year.
- Project Wiki Access — <http://www.flatclassroomproject.org> – private wiki area for students and teachers separate from the usual Wikispaces platform.
- Project Diigo Group <http://groups.diigo.com/group/flatclassroomproject>
- Blackboard Collaborate (formerly Elluminate) Room for Teacher meetings and Student Summit Presentations during and at the end of the Project
- Teacher and Administrator Access to Flat Classrooms Educator Network - <http://flatclassrooms.ning.com>

Access to Valuable Resources and Feedback

- Flat Classroom Awards Program (multimedia awards with global 'judging' culminating in an Awards Ceremony online)
- Teacher Training Meetings (held most weeks throughout the project)
- Project Help Wiki Resources
- Live Trouble Ticket System <http://www.flatclassroomproject.net/support-ticket.html>
- Teacher Group - Google Group – for ongoing mentoring
- Mentorship with Leading Global Collaborative Teachers who are actually DOING IT!
- Recognition for School Completion on the Official Flat Classroom Website – www.flatclassroomproject.net
- Press Release for project to distribute to local media
- Schools successfully completing the project will receive a recognition certificate for framing
- Priority access for students and teachers to present at F.L.A.T.s (Flat Learning Action Talks), our regular, global online webinars and special events
- Linking with classrooms around the world

Additional Ancillaries

- Priority access to Flat Classroom® Certified Teacher Program – applications to open again in August 2011 for current and past teachers of Flat Classroom® Projects and other interested educators.
- Coming in 2012 – Certified Flat Classroom Schools



Timeline 2011-2012

In 2011-2012 the Flat Classroom Project will run twice, each time for 10-12 weeks. Here are basic outlines for each of the two projects this year:

FCP-01: January-April (FCP12-1 in 2012)

- Application Deadline: January 23
- Online Teacher Information meeting before February 7
- Classroom and student handshake February 7-21
- Wiki editing and collaboration: February-March
- Non-participating classrooms removed from project: March 7
- Video pitches and creation: March-April
- Student Summits and video judging: May 1-10
- Awards ceremony: After May 10 as determined by the project organizer

FCP-02: September-December (FCP11-3 in 2011)

- Application Deadline: September 1
- Online Teacher Information meeting before September 15
- Classroom and student handshake September 15-31
- Wiki editing and collaboration: October
- Non-participating classrooms removed from project: October 15
- Video pitches and creation: November
- Student Summits and video judging: November 26 - December 12
- Awards ceremony: After December 12 as determined by the project organiser