Benefit 1: Team Capacity Building
- Schools will apply by naming 2 Champions of STEM (one administrator and one teacher leader) to attend the two-day kickoff in Knoxville and be the drivers of efforts at their school.
- Champions will be charged with sharing learning from the institute and implementing change with a larger school-selected Innovation Team that can involve more staff and other stakeholders in the school community.

Sept 30 - Oct 1: Kickoff in Knoxville

Benefit 2: Sharing best practices
- Given a list of schools ready to host you at all grade levels across the state, you will schedule at least 3 school tours of your choosing at your mutual convenience. Scholarships are available to help pay cost for subs to take teachers.
- Six "micro-lessons" designed by STEM leaders which use attributes within the STEM Designation Rubric to share with your staff to guide continuous improvement (15-20 minute activities with replicable materials).

Between Oct 4 and Nov 17
Your school team visits STEM Designated Schools

Benefit 3: Scaffolded practice
- Each participating school will be assigned a Mentor Coach (a principal of a STEM Designated School) who will check in periodically to debrief, reflect, assist in planning, provide resources and contacts and guide you through an online course designed to organize and support learning around leadership during change and building STEM culture.
- There will be a virtual conference with 1/2 day for Champions and 1/2 day for Innovation Team members to join in sessions on topics ranging from grant writing to applying for designation to differentiating instruction and closing student achievement gaps.

2/3/2022 Virtual Conference

Benefit 4: Connecting ideas to innovation in your school
- Two optional collaborative book studies will be offered so you may choose the work to study most closely aligned to your needs. An additional 6 more credit hours for those who choose to participate in either one.
- The final convening will be held in conjunction with the TSIN Innovation Summit in Nashville on May 9. Schools will share the innovations they implemented and the learning that followed.

5/9/2022 Closing session

Tennessee Innovative Leaders Institute 2021-2022
We’ve discovered in the past 18 months the critical need to support leaders in their capacity to foster change and dynamic school cultures that can quickly pivot to new criteria and expectations. This learning cohort has been designed to help leaders build capacity within their settings to thrive and be positioned for whatever happens next.