



# Upper School Biology Teacher

## Start Date: July 1, 2022



Lower School Campus (Nursery-Grade 5) • 228 Old Gulph Road • Wynnewood, PA 19096  
City Avenue Campus (Grades 6-12) • 1101 City Avenue • Wynnewood, PA 19096

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## **Friends' Central School Overview**

Friends' Central School is an independent, coeducational Quaker day school founded in 1845 and serving approximately 800 students in Nursery through grade 12. Located in the Philadelphia suburbs, the School has two campuses. The Middle & Upper Schools are located just outside of West Philadelphia in Wynnewood, and the Lower School is on our Old Gulph Road campus in the heart of Wynnewood.

The exceptional faculty at Friends' Central offers a curriculum that cultivates the intellectual, spiritual, and ethical growth of our students. Our pedagogy is grounded in continuing revelation, reflection, integrity, and a willingness to accept responsibility. From Nursery to grade 12, our students participate in a process designed to foster creative, critical, and flexible thinking, along with compassion. As they transform from playful children to skilled, self-possessed teenagers, they are always intellectually curious and engaged thinkers. Friends' Central prepares graduates to succeed in college and in life.

## **Upper School Biology Teacher**

Friends' Central Upper School seeks a full-time Upper School science teacher to teach biology and advanced biology. Successful candidates will have a Bachelor's or graduate-level degree in biology subfields (e.g. Biochemistry, Developmental Biology, Neuroscience, Genetics), and be innovative and technologically savvy. Candidates should also have a firm grasp on teaching pedagogy and embrace the unique developmental stages of Upper School students. Some teaching experience is preferred.

In accordance with principles of Quaker pedagogy, teachers at Friends' Central are dedicated to creating and nurturing mutually respectful and fully engaged classroom communities. Academic departments meet regularly and work collaboratively. A learning community founded on Quaker values relies on the commitment of all its members for its success. Friends' Central teachers are also actively involved in the life of the School outside their classrooms.

## **Primary Responsibilities**

- Teach three to four sections of Upper School biology
- Teach and/or co-teach a senior only one-semester course (Designing Experiments in Molecular Biology)
- Develop research and inquiry-based projects for laboratories
- Assess students' progress and performance
- Communicate with teachers and parents regarding student needs and progress
- Lead a small group of students in the Annenberg High School Science Symposium, designed to promote discourse among high school science students in the Philadelphia Area
- Advise a small group of Upper School students
- Contribute to the School in an extra/co-curricular capacity as appropriate

## Qualifications

In addition to having a professional and educational background in teaching biology, we seek someone who will:

- Be an enthusiastic teacher and supportive guide for Upper School-aged students
- Continue to develop and coordinate our biology and science curricula with other faculty
- Stay current with best practices in teaching and the teaching of science, including incorporating technology and differentiating instruction
- Determine learning goals and design coherent instruction and assessment accordingly
- Be prepared to lead research and lab opportunities in and out of the classroom
- Have the mindset and ability to work in partnership with parents
- Possess excellent communication skills, including through writing
- Possess excellent interpersonal skills
- Enhance the School's commitment to diversity and inclusivity as outlined in our [Diversity Statement](#)
- Understand and be committed to the School's Quaker values and mission
- Be an engaged member of the Friends' Central faculty and wider community

Friends' Central requires all employees, other than those with an approved religious or medical exemption, to be fully vaccinated.

Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, current resume, and three references. Please send those materials, with your files clearly named, to [careers@friendscentral.org](mailto:careers@friendscentral.org).

*Friends' Central School seeks candidates with a commitment to fostering an inclusive learning community who will address issues of diversity, as well as enhance the Philosophy of Inclusivity and Awareness articulated in our [Diversity Statement](#).*

*For more information about Friends' Central, visit [www.friendscentral.org](http://www.friendscentral.org).*

