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CERN High School Teachers (HST) Programme and International Teacher Weeks (ITW) Programme

The European Organization for Nuclear Research, globally renowned as CERN, is one of the world's most prominent centers for High Energy Physics/ Particle Physics. It conducts a wide range of scientific research related to the field and is located on the border between Switzerland and France near Geneva.

02. Established in 1954, CERN is dedicated to exploring the fundamental structure of the universe by studying particles that make up matter. Further, it is home to the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator, where groundbreaking experiments have advanced our understanding of physics, including the discovery of the Higgs boson in 2012.

03. As a collaborative hub for scientists from over 100 countries, CERN fosters international cooperation and innovation in fields ranging from particle physics to computing, making significant contributions to both science and technology.

04. CERN has informed of the following teacher training programmes which are open to in-service high school teachers from Sri Lanka.

Programme name	Duration	Qualifications required	Link to the programme in CERN website	Application period
CERN High School Teachers (HST) Programme	02 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good English proficiency • Commit to full attendance 	https://teacher-programmes.web.cern.ch/international-high-school-teacher-programme	01 November 2024 – 13 January 2025
International Teacher Weeks (ITW) Programme	02 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good English proficiency • Commit to full attendance 	https://teacher-programmes.web.cern.ch/international-teachers-week-programme	01 November 2024 – 13 January 2025

05. One teacher for each programme will be selected from Sri Lanka. If selected,

- Financial support to cover living expenses for the duration of the respective programme will be provided by CERN.
- It is mentioned in the CERN website that limited funds available to support on travelling cost for a small number of teachers and participants will receive financial assistance (living cost + travel grant) on request from CERN after getting selected for either HST or ITW programme.

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III. CERN does not provide healthcare coverage. Therefore, all visitors to CERN are expected to hold health insurance coverage valid for France and Switzerland for the duration of their stay, covering illness, disability and accidents.

IV. Kindly note that the extra cost which will not be provided by CERN will not be borne by the Research and innovation division.

06. Accordingly, it would be much appreciated if you could circulate aforementioned two opportunities among the school teacher's in-service who are engaged in STEM education in Secondary Education sector. We would like to receive the details of the participants and their feedback for future reference.

07. Moreover, if any further clarification is required, kindly contact Dr. Jeff Wiener, the Teacher Programmes Manager at CERN via the email address jeff.wiener@cern.ch and telephone number +41 754119010.

Your cooperation and coordination in this regard are highly appreciated.

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