



# Let's Choose to Be Innovators

Students. We want them to be inquisitive and eager for knowledge. Ready to latch on to that slightest bit of inspiration and sense of purpose.

Let The Henry Ford be a resource for arousing curiosity, provoking ideas and inspiring your students to act. Let us be the portal that channels that what-if, can-do, why-not strand of DNA that has always been a part of American innovation and the American experience right into your classrooms. And, more important, let's work together to help students realize that they are the next generation of doers, thinkers and problem-solvers, with the skills needed to contribute to America's continuing story of innovation.

We know that today's educators are searching for curricula that will improve students' college and career readiness and our nation's global competitiveness. We need material in every discipline that asks students to see mistakes as learning opportunities, to analyze choices and to seek the best solutions. At The Henry Ford, we believe we can make

the greatest contribution to this educational effort by sharing our collection, our stories and our knowledge of American innovation and the American experience with educators and students everywhere. Our assets and expertise as an educational institution are the foundation of a series of classroom resources and online tools that support Common Core State Standards, Next Generation of Science Standards, 21st-Century Skills and STEM.

**Are you an innovative educator who wants to develop the next cadre of innovators? Join The Henry Ford!**

The Henry Ford has embarked on a national initiative, the **Innovation Education Incubator (IEI)** to make a positive impact on education. IEI is a dynamic R&D project that's a part of The Henry Ford's paradigm-shifting educational movement. It will give every child in America access to the critical ideas, content and problem-solving skills that will enable him or her to be the innovator of tomorrow. We recently tested our innovation curricula, Innovation 101 (for grades 5-12) and

Be an innovator like... series (for grades K-5), with 40 teachers and over 1,000 students nationwide. Watch the testimonials of the teachers who participated in the pilot phase of IEI and saw the spark ignited in their students, at <http://youtu.be/szA6eMwj2Cs>. Now we are scaling up our efforts to

- train and empower 5,000 innovative teacher-leaders to teach innovation with The Henry Ford's innovation curricula,
- ignite 125,000 students to think and act like innovators and
- continue to gather evidence that The Henry Ford's innovation curricula, and teaching and learning tools are effective and inspiring for teachers and students.

Let's make room for creativity and innovation for all students, at all grade levels, in all subject areas and in all schools. To learn more about how you or your district can be part of The Henry Ford's IEI initiative, contact **Paula Gangopadhyay, Chief Learning Officer, The Henry Ford**, at 313-982-6063 or [paulag@thehenryford.org](mailto:paulag@thehenryford.org).