

What advice would you give to new participants coming into this workshop – to get the most out of it?

- Come with some ideas or questions they have on how to implement this course at their institutions. It always helps to talk things through with colleagues who are on the same page in regards to inquiry based pedagogy.
- Take good notes!
- Do the MTA ahead of time so you can get your biological [materials] and be ready to try it when you get home
- Have a rough idea of the students you are going to teach.
- Be open minded, believe that you can do in, no matter your level of expertise or lack thereof.
- You will learn everything you need to know to get started, so relax and enjoy it.
- Talk to the facilitators who are doing this in their classes about how they actually do things day to day.
- Do the homework, especially if you are new to phage biology
- It really did help to do the readings (homework) the night before. This allowed me to read and think about new techniques prior to watching the lab demos, and in the end I got a lot more out of the experience by reading the resource guide.
- Have supplies and equipment ordered and ready in your institution, perform a one week test/trial run of the labs before coming to the in situ workshop workshop because you will understand things better and have ready to ask questions or your confusion/concerns better clarified and understood.
- Review the workbook [Resource Guide] and be ready to work.
- Read some before you come, familiarize yourself with the program
- Play along, go with the flow, and have fun with it!!!
- Read the resource guide (or even just the flow chart of what the lab work is) before coming. I felt like several participants were still trying to wrap their head around the big picture pretty late in the course.
- Read up a little on phage -- some folks did not fully understand the biology of it. Spend a little more time on the website.
- Make sure to talk with every facilitator about your worries and get ideas from everyone
- Be ready to hit the ground running and hold on bc it's a phast and phantastic ride!!