

# Nurture Nature Center is recipient of NASA grant

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[Nurture Nature Center](#) is one of only nine informal learning institutions throughout the United States to receive a grant from a NASA, to help fund programs that attract more students to careers in [STEM](#) (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).



Guests look over "Science on a Sphere" developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Nurture Nature Center is one of 70 museums and organizations around the world to install this exhibit. (File photo)

[Nurture Nature Center](#)'s project, called "6 Degrees of Influence: Understanding the Interconnectedness of Earth Systems" funded for \$420,226 over two years, supports NASA's education mission to advance high quality STEM education through the development of [NOAA Science on a Sphere](#) and related programming for middle school students, teachers and minority undergraduates.

The project partners with Maryland Science Center of Baltimore, [Lehigh University](#) Morgan State University of Baltimore and the outside evaluation firm, People Places & Design Research.

It include the development of a Science on a Sphere program and an associated arts-based communication workshop to help participants visualize and physically diagram their connections to global issues.

Additionally, there will be an undergraduate internship program that engages historically underrepresented youth, as well as teacher education workshops.

The two-year project will kick off in February 2017 and there is a need for local school groups to test the programs in fall 2017.

Teachers and schools interested in participating in the project should contact [Dr. Kathryn Semmens](#), Nurture Nature Center's science director and principal investigator on the project. *Do you have education news to share? To see it posted here and possibly in The Express-Times and Warren Reporter, [send me an email](#).*