

Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS 2015)

CALL FOR SCORERS Scoring Session, Ottawa, July 20 – 31, 2015

The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) is an international assessment conducted under the auspices of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), and it targets mathematics and science knowledge of students in Grades 4 and 8 (Grade 8 is Secondary II in Quebec). TIMSS was first administered in 1995 and has been carried out every four years since then.

Countries can choose to participate in the Grade 4 assessment only, the Grade 8 assessment only, or both. Some 63 countries participated in TIMSS 2011. In total, 57 countries are expected to participate in TIMSS 2015.

The TIMSS assessments are based on a comprehensive framework developed collaboratively with the participating countries. This framework is organized around two dimensions:

- a **content** dimension specifying the domains or subject matter to be assessed within mathematics and science; and
- a **cognitive** dimension specifying the domains or thinking processes expected of students as they engage with the mathematics and science content.

TIMSS 2015 main administration will be conducted in either English or in French between April 7 and May 1st, 2015. Across Canada, approximately 800 schools in the five participating provinces will take part in the assessment. One or two entire Grade 4 and/or Grade 8 classes have been selected at random in each participating school.

The TIMSS 2015 main administration will be scored in Ottawa, between July 20 and 31, 2015. Approximately 100 scorers will be needed for this scoring session, including some from ministries and departments of education across the country. However, there will be many openings available for local scorers from the Ottawa region. The mathematics component will be scored between July 20 and 23, 2015, and the science component between July 24 and 31. All scorers must be available for the entire duration of their respective scoring session.

Individuals wishing to participate are invited to outline their qualifications and experience, using the electronic form available at <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/TIMSS2015Scorer/>. All applications will be considered.

Preference will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- have a background in teaching mathematics and/or science to the target age group (Grade 4 or Grade 8);
- be a future teacher, a regular teacher, a substitute teacher, or a retired teacher;
- reside in the immediate vicinity of Ottawa.

Bilingualism is considered an asset.

The daily fee is \$200 per day (includes 4 per cent vacation pay), plus \$30 per workday for incidental expenses. No other expenses, such as meals, transportation, parking, child care, or accommodation, will be covered. **The application deadline is July 10, 2015**, after which date all candidates will be notified of the status of their application.