

# TEACHING PERMACULTURE CREATIVELY

An Intensive Permaculture Teacher Training Course • September 16-27, 2010 • Summertown, TN  
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## Information and Application

### Teaching Permaculture Creatively: An Intensive Professional Permaculture Teacher Training Course

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#### Course objectives:

- Participants experience and develop the complete suite of skills needed to begin successfully teaching short permaculture workshops and other events on their own.
- Participants leave able to contribute significantly to teaching certified permaculture courses under the mentorship of an experienced permaculture teacher.
- Participants experience taking the seat of the teacher multiple times during the course in a variety of settings, both within the course and in a public venue. We all grasp the essence and significant details of what it means to create effective learning environments and effective learning events.
- Participants come prepared to collaboratively co-create the teacher training course and teach a one day public permaculture workshop (specific requests for how to prepare will be laid out after acceptance into the program).
- Participants collaborate to create a community of learning teachers and teaching learners:
  - we cocreate a safe, supportive, fun, healthy, and whole learning environment;
  - we support each other to take risks, share ourselves, grow deeply, move through edges and perceived restrictions, explore new ideas, and try new teaching styles and approaches;
  - we share and constructively evaluate each others' work;
  - we cooperatively develop shared resources for the larger permaculture teaching community.
- Participants clarify, articulate, and evolve their beliefs about what a teacher is and what is their teaching philosophy. We all experience putting that philosophy into practice consciously. We all have the opportunity to deprogram beliefs that inhibit our effectiveness as teachers and learners.
- We experience all of the above through learning events and experiences that express, embody, and demonstrate the principles of permaculture design in action.
- We engage in co-creating the Financial Permaculture Course (FPC), sharing our knowledge and experience, learning from and with others, and observing and evaluating the FPC as a whole and each part of it individually.
- We have a total blast doing all of the above.

#### Application Information Requests:

We request the following information for your application for the 2010 Teacher Training. The Financial Permaculture Institute will accept, and the teaching team will review, applications on a rolling admissions basis until the course reaches its maximum enrollment of 30 teacher participants (yes, you are already a teacher, believe it or not!). You do not have to submit all of the items below, but the more you offer the better we will get to know you. To ensure you have a place in this course, for which strong interest has arisen, get your application in as soon and as completely as possible.

Scholarships are limited: net proceeds from this course are very tight, so no one will receive a full scholarship from us. We are working to find outside funding to support those in need. We will also support you to do your own fundraising from family, friends, associates, and so on, by sending information for ideas on one way to do that to those who apply for scholarship aid.

Please submit the following to the email address on the letterhead on page 1. *We prefer to receive applications electronically* so please send pdfs or Microsoft Word formatted docs (Macintosh compatible preferred) to: info@financialpermaculture.com. Mail checks to the address on the letterhead or use the Financial Permaculture Institute to send electronic payment [www.financialpermaculture.com](http://www.financialpermaculture.com)

*Please briefly (25-75 words) answer the following in writing (include your name and contact info on all pages please). All applicants must answer the first seven questions below. The last two questions are optional.*

1. Why do you want to take this course? What do you hope to get from it?
2. What do you plan to do with what you learn in this course? What are your hopes and dreams as a teacher of permaculture?
3. Are there specific areas on which you would like to focus your teaching, in terms of topic areas, audiences, regions of the country/world?
4. Please write at least two paragraphs describing the qualities and personality of a fully-developed teacher of permaculture.
5. In what ways have you applied permaculture principles and processes to the financial aspects of your life and/or work? In what ways have you worked to make your permaculture activities financially sustainable or regenerative?
6. What are your greatest fears as a teacher? What else do you believe most holds you back from being your most effective self?
7. What are your greatest strengths as a teacher? What can/do you offer to your students/participants now or in the future?
  
8. Briefly discuss a recent, striking, fun, or deeply moving learning experiences (one or more of those adjectives may apply). What made it work best for you? What made the space you were in an effective learning environment for you? What lessons did/do you derive from that experience?
9. What experiences have you had living and working in a community of any kind?

*Please also submit the following to complete your application:*

- A payment of \$25:  
Send a nonrefundable application fee, by check to the address on the letterhead, or by internet payment at [www.financialpermaculture.com](http://www.financialpermaculture.com). If you are applying for scholarship, the fee is refundable if you cannot afford the course after acceptance.
- A resume or draft resume:  
Ideally, present yourself *as a teacher of permaculture*, listing experiences and skills relevant to this role, *and includes your full contact information*. This is an important exercise in its own right, building a marketing tool for you to use after the course, helping you build your confidence, and giving us an idea of your relevant background. If you feel the resume leaves out significant or important background/life history/skill/attitudes, please include this additional information in a separate written statement.
- A copy of your Permaculture course certificate  
If necessary, a letter from the course teacher will suffice. Contact us for alternative documentation.
- Three references: name, phone, email, relationship to you. Ideally, these will *not* include family members or life partners. We prefer that at least one work-related person be included in the three.
  
- If you need a scholarship:  
Write a few paragraphs explaining your situation, why you need help, *how much you can afford to pay for the course*. Please also consider people in your life who might be able to help you pay for the course and what you think it would take to get them to say yes to supporting you. Let us know how we can help! *We request that all scholarship recipients participate in creating a CSE or Community Supported Educator program*, where you find people to subscribe ahead of time for a one- or two-day workshop, proceeds from which will go to fund your teacher training (we will forward info on the CSE program to all applicants who request scholarships). After the training, you will then produce the workshop for subscribers and any others who may want to attend. We hope that you can work with other teacher trainees to run your workshop as well, that you will see the multiple functions of such an approach, and take full advantage of the support we can offer to help you fulfill this request.

If you have any questions or concerns about providing the necessary information for this application, or about the event in general please contact 888-878-2434 x 2 or [info@financialpermaculture.com](mailto:info@financialpermaculture.com).