

SUPERQUEST

Parent organization: SAOF (Software Association of Oregon Foundation)

Web address: <http://www.superquest.org>

Grade level or ages served: Teachers, especially of grades 6 – 12, and their students

Overview (one paragraph): SuperQuest is a professional development program for teachers who teach technology related subjects or who want to incorporate technology in to their classrooms. SuperQuest is developed in association with the Oregon Computer Science Teachers Association and the Western Oregon University Computer Science Department.

Subjects covered: Subjects vary from year to year. Examples from previous years include LEGO robotics, Java, Web Design.

Size of program: Approximately 100 teachers per year

Where offered: In 2005, courses were offered in Hillsboro and at Western Oregon University, Monmouth

Time spent by students: Class offerings in 2005 were 3 to 5 days long;. The “students” are professional teachers who spent between 3 and 13 days in classes.

Partners/Sponsors: Microsoft, Mentor Graphics, KPMG, Inspiration Software, Symantec, Connor Bates and HMH Advertising

Materials available on web and/or purchase: Course registration

Cost structure: Teachers pay a small fee to attend.

Funding: Underwritten by sponsors.

Other points of interest: SAOF is a supporter of ORTOP (Oregon Robotics Tournament Outreach Program – see document 5.8) and the Willamette - SAOF High School Programming Contest – see document 5.12).