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For anyone interested in a low time-commitment, virtual outreach opportunity, I'd like to encourage you to check out [Letters to a Pre-Scientist](#).

LPS pairs working scientists (grad students included!) with middle-school student pen-pals for a full academic year. The idea is for the middle school students to learn about what science careers really look like, and to see STEM careers as an option that is open to them. The time commitment is low (you are expected to send only 4 letters over the course of the school year), and the program is super well-run (they give you some basic training on science communication, as well as prompts for each letter and clear deadlines and reminders for each thing you need to send). I participated in this program last year and it was a great experience - ***I highly recommend this program and encourage you to sign up if this sounds like something you'd enjoy!***

If you are interested, registration is currently open here:

<https://prescientist.org/volunteers/>

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions before signing up. As I mentioned above, I really enjoyed participating in this program last year (my 6<sup>th</sup> grade penpal was delightful!), and am happy to share more about the experience!

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