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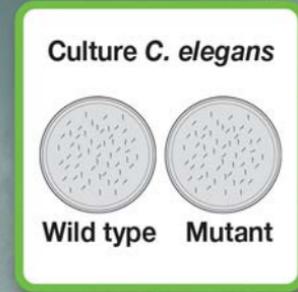


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Successful Classroom Experiments **Glowing** Out of This World

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New and Fascinating Alternative to **AP Biology Lab 12:** Fruit Fly Behavior



Tired of fruit flies all over your class and school?

Caenorhabditis elegans is a much better behaved model organism that your students will love to study. Explore the fascinating life cycle of *C. elegans* through microscopic examination. Check out the UCSF Legoscope project to find a great way to infuse science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) into this activity — have your students build their own microscopes using Legos (designscience.ucsf.edu/lego).

Did you know that *C. elegans* can learn? Compare a wild-type strain and a neurological mutant to see how a loss of the *daf-18* gene impacts learning capacity through a chemotaxis experiment. Visit OpenWorm to see the entire worm connectome — you can see every neuron within the worm and how they all connect! (www.openworm.org)



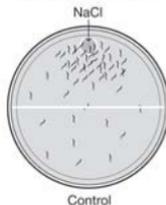
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- Planning guide
- Kit specifications
- Aligns with AP Biology Big Ideas 1, 2, 3, and 4 (Lab Investigation 12)
- Neurobiology, BLAST analysis, and chi square statistic supplements

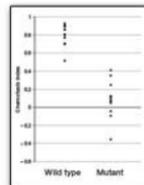
Life cycle analysis



Chemotaxis



Statistical analysis of populations



**Free
Digital
Pipet**

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Ordering Information

EDU Price

166-5120EDU **C. elegans Behavior Kit**

\$219.20

Includes reagents for *C. elegans* life cycle analysis and wild-type versus mutant behavior analysis. *C. elegans* is provided frozen and must be kept on dry ice (-70°C or colder). *C. elegans* will be shipped separately on requested date.

Visit us at www.bio-rad.com/celegansbehaviorkit1 or call 1-800-268-0213 for more information.

Investigate fish fraud in your neighborhood — become a real a-fish-ionado!



Learn More

- Planning guide
- Kit specifications
- Flowchart
- Lab preparation checklist
- Sample data
- Aligns with AP Biology Big Ideas 1, 2, 3, and 4



What happens if one fish gets substituted for another one? Most of the time, the consumer won't even notice. But what happens if substituting a less expensive fish for a more expensive one becomes common practice? Or what happens if a poisonous fish like pufferfish makes it into our food supply or we deplete our oceans of critically endangered species?



Ordering Information

EDU Price

166-5100EDU **Fish DNA Barcoding Kit** \$344.00

Includes reagents for DNA extraction and PCR for up to 16 fish samples. Sequencing module sold separately.

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Free
UView Dye
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Time Savings

| Step | Other Stains (postelectrophoresis stain), min | Other Stains (in gel prep), min | UView 6x Loading Dye, min |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Add stain to agarose gel prep | NA | 5 ← Time savings | 0 |
| Add loading dye to sample, load sample, run gel | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Stain/destain | ≥20 ← | 0 ← Time savings | 0 |
| See results | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total time | >47 min | >32 min | >27 min |

Ordering Information

EDU Price

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| 166-5111EDU | UView 6x Loading Dye, 0.2 ml | \$31.20 |
| 166-5112EDU | UView 6x Loading Dye, 1 ml | 95.20 |
| 166-0531EDU | UView Mini Transilluminator | 1,120.00 |

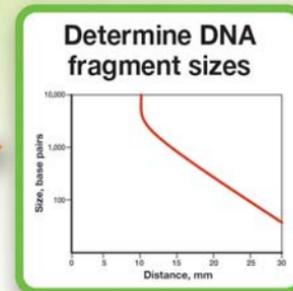
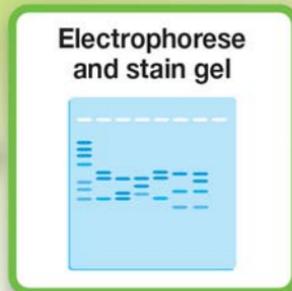
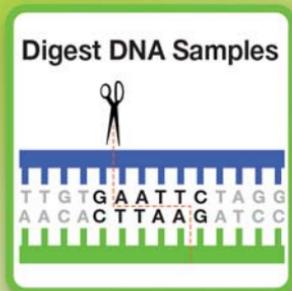
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Forensic DNA Fingerprinting Kit — Students become investigators!



Learn More

- Aligns with AP Biology Big Ideas 3 and 4 (Lab Investigation 9)



Using real DNA as evidence, your students play the role of crime scene investigators. Each sample is digested using a mixture of DNA restriction enzymes, generating a distinct pattern of DNA fragments. From their electrophoresis results, students construct standard curves, determine DNA fragment sizes, and place a suspect at the scene of the crime.



Ordering Information

EDU Price

166-0007EDU **Forensic DNA Fingerprinting Kit** \$179.20
Curriculum manual is available to download free of charge online.

166-0037EDU **Forensic DNA Fingerprinting Kit** 183.20
Includes printed curriculum manual.

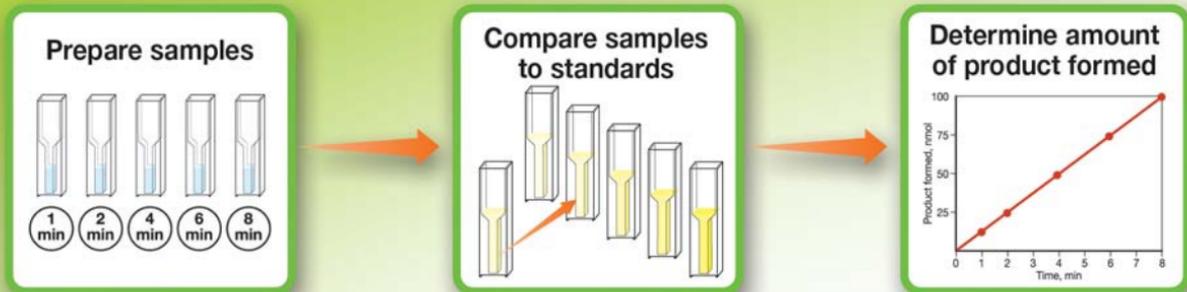
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Biofuel Enzyme Kit — Use fungi to explore ecology and evolution.



Learn More

- Kit specifications
- Flowchart
- Lab preparation checklist
- Aligns with AP Biology Big Ideas 1, 2, and 4 (Lab Investigation 13)
- Student inquiry using mushrooms



Cellobiase is an enzyme that breaks down cellulose, making it a useful enzyme in the production of cellulosic ethanol. **Where do you find cellobiase?** Organisms such as ruminants, termites, and fungi use this enzyme to break down cellulose from plants. Cellobiase activity varies from species to species within the fungus family. Some species even have varying levels of activity depending on the part of the sample being used (cap, stalk, gills).

The Biofuel Enzyme kit provides a great model enzyme for investigating the role of enzymes, from ecology to evolution to industry.



Ordering Information

EDU Price

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| 166-5035EDU | Biofuel Enzyme Kit | \$160.00 |
| 166-5036EDU | Biofuel Enzyme Kit Reagent Refill Pack | 100.00 |

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New **DNA Model** — Rediscover DNA with this larger-than-life model!

As common as DNA is, it can be a tough topic to understand, but that is where this colorful and attractive DNA model comes into play!

- **A biologically correct DNA model can be built**
- **Over 2 feet tall**
- **A great way to incorporate STEM concepts through the use of modeling**



Engage your students immediately with this friendly, interactive, foam model of DNA. It's easy — just **attach** and **assemble** the DNA strands and then **twist** to transform it into the familiar double helix. Just like a puzzle — and just as in nature — this DNA model only fits together one way: adenine (A) pairs with thymine (T) and guanine (G) pairs with cytosine (C) on the sugar-phosphate backbones. Build a biologically correct DNA model that can be used in a number of fun and educational ways!

Ordering Information

166-7015EDU **DNA Model**

EDU Price

\$31.20

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Science Framework **Kit Selection Guide**

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SEP: Science and Engineering Practices

Life Sciences Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS1: From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes
 LS2: Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics
 LS3: Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits
 LS4: Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

Physical Sciences Disciplinary Core Ideas

PS1: Matter and Its Interactions
 PS2: Motion and Stability: Forces and Interaction
 PS3: Energy

ADV: Advanced Scientific Practices

Legend: ★ Content contained in kit curriculum ☆ Content addressed in extension activities

| SEP | LS1 | LS2 | LS3 | LS4 | PS1 | PS2 | PS3 | ADV | |
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| ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ☆ | | | | | C. elegans Behavior Kit (166-5120EDU) — AP Big Ideas 1, 2, 3, 4 |
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| ★ | ★ | ★ | | ☆ | | | | | Biofuel Enzyme Kit (166-5035EDU) — AP Big Ideas 1, 2, 4 |
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| ★ | ★ | | | | | | | | ELISA Immuno Explorer™ Kit (166-2400EDU) |
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| ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | | | | ★ | Fish DNA Barcoding Kit and DNA Barcoding Sequencing Module (166-5100EDU and 166-5115EDU) — AP Big Ideas 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| ★ | ★ | | ★ | ★ | | ★ | | | PV92 PCR Informatics Kit (166-2100EDU) — AP Big Ideas 1, 3 |
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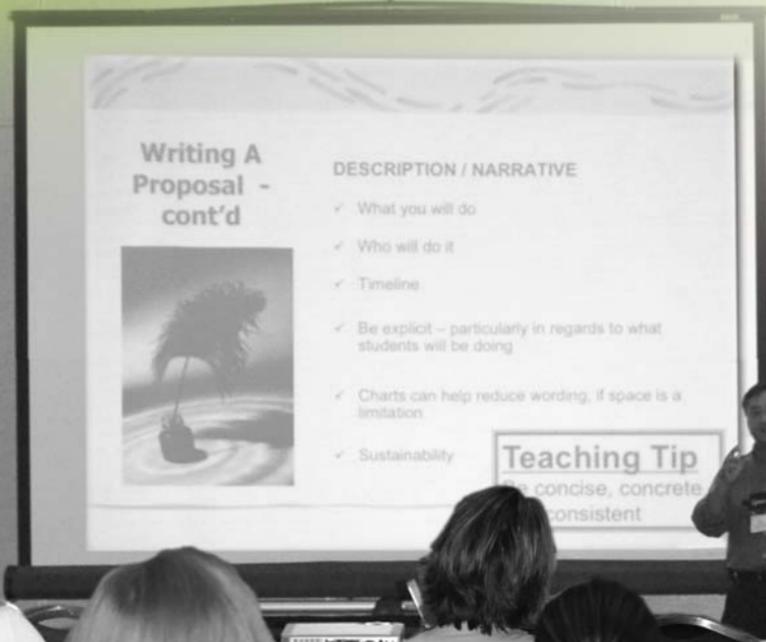
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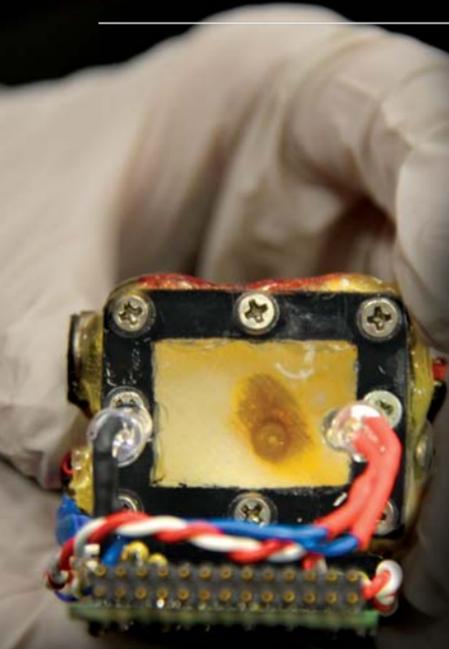
**Grant writing
webinar**

Getting a grant can open doors to make your class more engaging and enriching, and allows your students to learn more with hands-on laboratory experiments. The extra effort up front to write a grant may seem daunting, but it can actually make it easier for you in the long run.

For expert help at writing a grant and a grant writing toolkit, check out our Grant Writing webinar.



pGLO in Space and Beyond with the Valley Christian High School AMSE Institute



Back from space, the experiment module's inner chamber.

The desire to give students professional and real-world technical skills led to the development of a program where Valley Christian High School sends experiments to space by partnering with **NASA and the International Space Station (ISS)**. The Valley Christian High School ISS biology team investigated the effects of microgravity on luminescent *Escherichia coli* strain HB101 K-12 with the overall objective of examining and comparing the growth rates of *E. coli* on earth and in a microgravity environment. The team hypothesized that the *E. coli* would grow more rapidly in a microgravity condition because the bacteria are able to utilize the entire volume available inside the growth chamber.

The project was designed such that the bacteria would be contained within a small chamber within the MicroLab module that was sent to the ISS. The students designed this special chamber to have two pumps — one which provided nutrients for the bacteria and the other which was designed to hold waste products. The students measured the bacterial growth by visualizing the production of **green fluorescent protein (GFP)** produced by the bacteria that were transformed with Bio-Rad's pGLO plasmid.

Kelsey Jiang, the co-project manager, states that “Our mentor, Mr. Saldana, reached out to multiple science companies and managed to contact Bio-Rad. **Bio-Rad understood what we needed** and they helped us out every step of the way. The bacterial process was complicated, to say the least, but we were offered tremendous help from Bio-Rad's scientists.” Jose Lopez, a Biotechnology Explorer program scientist, was able to help in the design of the experiment so students could send the transformed bacteria to the ISS and visualize the glowing bacteria once in space.

Learn More
about the Valley
Christian High School
AMSE Institute at
www.vcs.net/mathscience





Each year the students in the ISS program examine the results returned from the ISS and will build upon those results to answer new questions the next year. Kelsey sums up her experience by saying “The ISS program has given me an outlet to pursue what I love and that is biology. To me, this program has been one of the defining moments in my life, and it has taught me life lessons that I will carry with me even after my journey at Valley Christian High School.”

To perform pGLO bacterial transformation with your class here on earth, order the pGLO Bacterial Transformation Kit without manual (166-0003EDU, \$115.20) or the kit with printed curriculum manual (166-0043EDU, \$119.20).

“The ISS program has given me the opportunity to develop my interest in biology and has inspired me to pursue it in college.”

Kevin Tahara, VCHS AMSE co-project manager



“Our dream experiment became a reality with Bio-Rad’s support.”

Angie Chen, VCHS AMSE participant

The underlying principles of electrophoresis were developed in the 1930s, and in the 1950s, scientists started to use starch as a separation medium. In the 1970s, agarose electrophoresis became better established as a system for DNA separation. Since then, this technique has essentially stayed the same.

Horizontal gel electrophoresis is now used as a routine technique in the molecular biology laboratory. Users don't think too much about it, as long as they get results. But it's an excellent STEM case study for students and teachers who want to learn an established method and understand how it works.

If you think about how electrophoresis really works, you will start asking all sort of questions related to chemistry, physics, engineering, and mathematics. **Ask yourself, why do you...**

- ... use TAE buffer to run your DNA agarose gels?**
- ... use agarose as your separation matrix?**
- ... make gels with TAE buffer?**
- ... perform electrophoresis at a certain voltage?**

Some of these questions have the same answer, "Because that's how I've always done it!"



Learn More

- *Kit specifications*
- *Flowchart*
- *Lab preparation checklist*

Using Bio-Rad's STEM electrophoresis kits you can take electrophoresis to another level, dive deep to try to find answers to these questions, and discover what happens if you change something, such as:

Chemistry: Design a new buffering system which

- Has a high heat capacity
- Has a high buffering capability

Chemistry and Math: Design a new electrode system which

- Does not react electrochemically
- Does not cost a lot

Chemistry and Physics: Design a new molecular sieve system which

- Separates molecules of the appropriate size
- Separates molecules in a shorter time

Engineering: Optimize the above and put it all together

Next time you're looking for a **great interdisciplinary activity**, connect your science departments with electrophoresis!

Ordering Information

EDU Price

166-5080EDU **STEM Electrophoresis Teacher Demonstration Kit** \$124.00
 Enough materials to build 2 complete gel electrophoresis chambers. Includes STEM curriculum instruction manual. Download IDEA kit manual online. Batteries not included.

166-5090EDU **STEM Electrophoresis Classroom Kit** 332.00
 Enough materials to build 8 complete gel electrophoresis chambers. Includes STEM curriculum instruction manual. Download IDEA kit manual online. Batteries not included.

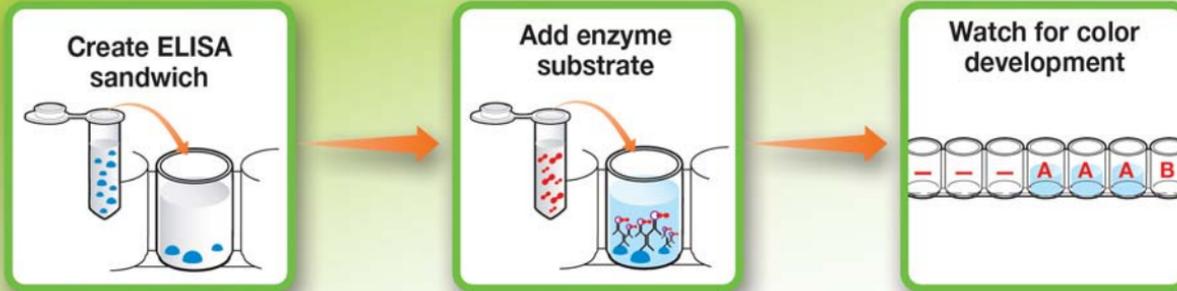
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EDU Price

166-2400EDU **ELISA Immuno Explorer Kit** \$170.40

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