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TEACHING CAREER IN BRIEF

I earned my degree in Biology and Physics Education in 2010 at the University of Szeged. Even before graduating, in September 2009, I began working as a part-time teacher at my alma mater, the SZTE Ságvári Endre Teacher Training Secondary School. In addition to teaching high school classes, from 2016 I also became involved in the activities of the SzeReTeD Laboratory associated with the school, initially as a pedagogical assistant. During my years there, I participated in the development of educational materials, as well as in the preparation and delivery of a wide range of science outreach and talent development programs. These sessions were designed for students of all ages—from primary to secondary school. I also took part in several science promotion events organized by the laboratory, often involving off-site activities such as family days and children's festivals. It was during this period that I began to focus increasingly on practical, experience-based teaching, which remains a key aspect of my work today. Since 2020, I have also been involved in the teacher training activities of our practice school. To support this, I completed a mentor training program at Kodolányi János University and earned my certification. I strive to introduce teacher trainees—the future biology teachers—to practical, experience-centered methods of teaching the natural sciences.

My goal is to create opportunities for our students with a passion for the natural sciences to acquire biological knowledge in a supportive environment, and to graduate from our school with a comprehensive scientific mindset and hands-on laboratory skills.