When can I participate in the Cal Teach internships?

Students can start in any year, although it is recommended to begin in the 1st or 2nd year. Junior transfers are welcome.

There are three internships in the Cal Teach series: CaT1 (2 units), CaT2 (2 units), and CaT3 (5 units). Transfer students may begin with CaT1 or later, depending on their community college experience.

Cal Teach internships are offered the following quarters each year:

Fall: CaT1, CaT2
Winter: CaT1, CaT3
Spring: CaT2

How is Cal Teach related to the Education Minor at UCSC?

CaT courses can count towards a minor in education. Students starting in their first, second, or even third years can complete the courses for the minor before graduating.

Contact the Cal Teach office for more information on timelines for completing the minor.
What does a Cal Teach internship involve?

• 4 - 5 hours per week helping and observing in middle and high school science and math classes

• Enrolling in UCSC’s Education 50B or 50C, which are 2-unit seminars designed to support and enhance the internship experience

• Engaging with one or more K-12 mentor teachers who can help you understand teaching careers

• Meeting fellow undergraduates who share an interest in making a difference in California’s public schools

• Receiving a $600 stipend paid upon successful completion of the internship and seminar

What other resources does Cal Teach Provide?

1) Information and advising:
Cal Teach can help you plan when and how to apply to credential programs throughout California. Cal Teach also offers advising to coordinate your major coursework with Cal Teach internships and other teacher preparation.

2) Access to scholarships and loan forgiveness programs:
• The Mark Bruce Fellowship for Math and Science Teachers provides up to $10,000 to outstanding UCSC Cal Teach students planning to attend UCSC’s M.A./Credential program.
• APLE (Assumption Program of Loans for Educators) pays off some student loans, $15,000-$19,000 over four years, for K-12 science or math teachers who work in a California school for at least a year upon graduation.
• Federal TEACH grants offer $4,000 per year for up to four years to those completing credential work or subject matter preparation who then meet teaching obligations.

3) Help with teacher credentialing exams (CBEST and CSET): Cal Teach will reimburse interns for the cost of regular exam registration for the CBEST and CSET. We have study guides for both exams available. We also offer CSET study groups and workshops for CBEST writing and reading sections which are especially valued by ESL speakers.

4) Professional Development:
This includes attendance at teacher professional development events such as workshops or conferences.

5) The Cal Teach Student Lounge:
The student lounge in Thimann 361 has iMac computers, a comfortable couch, study tables, a growing library about teaching and teacher credentialing, hot and cold drinks, and a refrigerator to store lunches. Cal Teach fosters a collegial relationship among students, surrounding both teaching careers and undergraduate life.

Hear from a Cal Teach intern:

“My experience in Cal Teach has been a memorable one. Working one-on-one with students in the classroom really gives teaching a whole new meaning. These are definitely the types of experiences I will look back on and remember when I’m teaching my own class.”

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