UTeach is an innovative university-based teacher preparation program working to increase the number of qualified STEM teachers in U.S. secondary schools. STEM majors earn a secondary teaching certification without adding time or cost to their four-year degree.

Data About Austin

CUMULATIVE GRADUATES, UTEACH AUSTIN SPRING 2000 TO SPRING 2018

Spring 2018 enrollment: 378 students

UTeach Austin students are teaching in the K–12 classrooms of 119 local mentor teachers.

- 87% of graduates enter teaching.
- 77% of graduates who begin teaching are still in schools 5 years later.
- Graduates are currently teaching more than 80,000 students across the country, with the majority in Texas.
- More than half teach in schools with a majority of economically disadvantaged students.
- 24% of graduates are from underrepresented populations (Hispanic, African American, American Indian, Alaskan Native).

What Starts Here Changes the World

UTeach Austin began at The University of Texas at Austin in 1997 and has since expanded to 43 other universities across the U.S.
Initiatives and Scholarships

UTeach Maker

UTeach Maker is an innovative micro-endorsement program that helps UTeach students bring Maker education practices into their STEM classrooms and makerspace environments.

Each UTeach Maker has a personal mentor, participates in ongoing Maker professional development, and creates a Maker Showcase to serve as a portfolio of their work. Find out more at maker.uteach.utexas.edu.

Scholarships

Noyce

UTeach Austin participates in the National Science Foundation’s Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, and eligible students can receive up to $13,000 per year. We were happy to award 17 scholarships through this program last year, totaling $167,000.

Other Scholarships

UTeach Austin students also received more than $216,000 in scholarships from generous donors.

Fay Pinkerton Wyatt Endowed Excellence Fund for UTeach
Joyce and Claude Cooke Endowed Scholarship for UTeach
Greater Texas Foundation Endowed Scholarship for UTeach
Jeff and Gail Kodosky UTeach Physics Teacher Scholarship
Austin Independent School District Scholarships

Jane Sanford Beasley Scholarships
Lee and Joe Jamail Endowed Scholarships in Secondary Teacher Education
Dorothy M. and Thomas V. Shockley, III and KLE Foundation Endowment for Excellence in Teacher Training

Maisha Rumman
UTeach Maker, Biology
UTeach Internships

The UTeach Internship program partners with STEM-focused organizations and local schools to help fill the growing demand for high-quality STEM preservice teachers, mentors, and tutors. UTeach interns gain valuable field experience while bringing innovative and effective STEM teaching methods to K–12 students, especially in underserved areas of the community. UTeach internships allow UTeach students to earn a stipend for working up to 20 hours a week in educational settings such as museums, libraries, STEM camps, and local schools.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Future STEM teachers:
Internships help UTeach students by providing both financial assistance and practical STEM education experiences.

The local community:
Internships support the community by working with STEM educational initiatives that are part of local schools and nonprofit organizations.

K–12 students:
UTeach interns serve students in underserved populations by being a friend, mentor, and teacher.

"This internship has done so much for me. I am much more comfortable in my teaching ability, and this confidence has helped me work toward being a better teacher."

Sneha Knah, UTeach Intern

"At MathHappens, we bring math to the general public and try to increase math literacy while helping students and adults get rid of their fear of math. I can truly see the impact we have made."

Alex Li, UTeach Intern

"This internship has been so enriching for me. It will help me be a better educator for my students."

Cynthia Moreno, UTeach Intern

"Our UTeach intern was a wonderful addition to the Magellan International School innovation team. As a computer science major, he was able to offer his technical expertise and insights. He also enthusiastically took on any challenge in the makerspace."

Patrick Benfield, Innovation Lab Director

The 2017–2018 UTeach Internships were funded in part by grant funds from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Applied Materials Foundation, and the UTeach endowment.
An independent research study found that secondary students of UTeach graduates gain an additional 4 months of learning in math and 5.7 months in science.

Additional advantages include:
- +9 months additional schooling in Algebra I & Biology for Gifted students
- +5 months additional schooling in Biology for Economically Disadvantaged and Hispanic students

I love UTeach because of the close community. UTeach taught me to put student engagement and inquiry at the forefront of my lessons.

Aminadab Morales
UTeach Alumnus, and Science Teacher, Cedars International Next Generation High School