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2009-10 Internships

There's still time to sign up for fall CaT1, 2 and 4 internships!
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Thank you Hitachi Data Systems! which has committed to donate new funds to Cal Teach to help sustain the paid internship program!

Internship schedule

Fall: CaT1, CaT2, CaT4
Winter: CaT1, CaT3, CaT4
Spring: CaT 2, CaT4

Cal Teach seminars will be taught by:

- Lorrie Coonrad (CaT1 Math - fall and winter)
- Pat Kent (CaT1 Science - fall and winter)
- Vivian Moutafian (CaT2 Math/Science - fall, and CaT2 Math - spring)
- Molly Deich (CaT2 Science - spring)
- Amy Stucky (CaT3 Math/Science - winter)

Fall Intern Orientation: Friday Sept. 25, 4-5:30 p.m. Thimann Labs 391-This orientation is required for all CaT1 interns; host teachers and CaT2 interns are welcome to attend as well!

New major concentrations in Biology Education & Earth Sciences Education and a new major in Physics Education have been approved!

The new STEM Education minor starts this fall!

CaT3 is now a 3-unit course (EDUC 185L) taken concurrently with or following EDUC 185B or C. Students can fulfill the W requirement with CaT2 plus CaT3.

Applying to California Credential Programs-Info Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 6-7:15 p.m.

Some applications are due as soon as December 1! (That's UC Berkeley.) It's time to start thinking about where you want to apply, and requesting letters of recommendation well in advance. Note that generally UC deadlines are much earlier than CSU deadlines.

Come learn about applying to California credential programs: deadlines, requirements, testing, tips on letters of rec., helpful handouts and more! (And mmmm free pizza...) RSVP appreciated to calteach@ucsc.edu or 831-459-2226.

UCSC's MA/Credential Program Has SCHOLARSHIPS for Cal Teach Interns

UCSC's Education department offers a 12-month combined teaching credential and Master of Arts in Education program. All eleven Cal Teach students in the program this year are supported by Cal Teach-related scholarships. The program begins in July, and the deadline to apply for the 2010-11 class is January 15, 2010. For more information about the scholarships, come by the Cal Teach office (Thimann 367) or call (831) 459-2226 this fall.

Hear from Cal Teach Grads in UCSC's MA/Credential Program Now!

Eleven Cal Teach students are currently enrolled in UCSC's credential program and at least nine are enrolled in other California credential programs.

What led you to teaching as a career? - Deauna Mansfield:

"I have always wanted a job working with people... I tried a few "scientific" jobs - working in industry and a research lab - but found that I did not get to interact with people about the material as much as I wanted to. For me , teaching is the perfect balance between being able to be engaged with the material I find so fascinating, and working with people and helping them to understand what has me so excited!"

Tell us about your fall placement. - Cecilia Aguilar:

"I'm placed at New Brighton Middle School in Capitola. I love it! My cooperating teacher is an amazing teacher and has taught me so much already. I've already gotten to lead some warm-ups and I've only been there two weeks. The 6th graders are great to work with, too."

Advice for future students? ***Cecilia advises, "Stay on top of your stuff. There's a lot of reading and it's expected of you that you come to class and get involved in the discussion. Also, a C isn't passing so you have to make sure you get everything done and done well."***

✱ What tests do I need to take to become a teacher, and when?

To become a credentialed teacher in California, most people must pass two tests, the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST), and the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET). Study guides are available to check out from the Cal Teach office (Thimann 367). You may take the CBEST as early as possible to establish your competence in basic reading, math, and writing. Cal Teach reimburses STEM majors who have completed a CaT1 internship for the test fee ($41). Cal Teach also provides writing workshops to help students prepare for that portion of the CBEST. The CSET is more costly ($70/subtest - up to three taken on a given day) and requires more advanced preparation in your field. Students should take the CSET later in their UCSC career, but before applying to teaching credential programs (late in the junior or early in the senior year). That leaves time to retake one or more of the exams if necessary (this is common). Cal Teach reimburses interns who have completed CaT2 for the CSET test fees (up to $210/test date).

Test Dates:

CBEST: Oct. 3, 2009 (late reg. by Sept. 22)
CBEST Writing Workshop: November 14
CSET: Nov. 7, 2009 (reg. by Oct. 9, 2009)
CBEST: December 6, 2008 (reg. by Nov. 7)
CSET: January 9, 2010 (reg. by Dec. 11)
CBEST: February 7, 2009 (reg. by Jan. 9)
CSET: March 14, 2010 (reg. by Feb. 12)

Credential Application Deadlines:

UC Berkeley: December 1, 2009
UCLA: January 9, 2010
UCSC: January 15, 2010
UCSD: February 1, 2010
Math for America LA: Feb. 5
Math for America San Diego: February 1 or April 5
CSUMB: March 1, 2010
SJSU: April 2010, rolling basis after

★ **Staffing change:** As many of you may have heard from Cara herself, she and her family have left Santa Cruz for L.A. where her husband Thomas has begun work on an Ed.D. We are very pleased to welcome Lorrie Coonrad of Harbor High as the CaT1 Math instructor for 2009-10.

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