Save the Dates

Teacher Panel for Cal Teach and non-Cal Teach students
November 17, 6-7:30 pm, JEBB 160

Meet the Cal Teach Partner School Districts required for prospective UCSC MA/C Noyce scholarship applicants
November 30, 5:00-6:00 pm, JEBB 160

California Mathematics Council North Conference for current & prospective math teachers December 11-13, Asilomar Conference Center

CBEST Exam for credential program applicants December 5
*Note: CSET exams are now by appointment; details at http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/

Cal Teachers Happy Hours for graduates and host teachers Friday, November 13, 4-5:30 pm, with special hosts!
Friday, December 11, 4-5:30 pm Seabright Brewery

Winter Quarter Orientation required for new interns January 4, 6-7:30 pm, JEBB 160

Deadlines for UCSC's MA/credential program and Noyce Scholarships
For MA/C: January 15
For Noyce Scholarships: January 17 (Interviews to follow in late January or early February)

Winter 2016 Cal Teach Internships

The priority deadline is coming up! Monday, November 9! We will accept applications on a rolling basis after that date until sections are full.

- Cal Teach 1 Math (EDUC 50B): Tuesdays, 6-7:45 pm
- Cal Teach 1 Science (EDUC 50C): Tuesdays 4-5:45 pm
- Cal Teach 2 Math/Science (EDUC 100A): Thursdays 6-7:45 pm

Thanksgiving, from the program director:

It's exactly ten years since I began as UCSC’s Cal Teach Director, at first merely planning the program we would begin in spring 2006. In November 2005, I felt lucky to have been recruited for a job that seemed perfectly aligned with my personal passions and professional preparation, in UCSC’s science division, whose faculty and staff I greatly respected. I could not imagine at that time holding the same job for ten years. Ten years later, I still feel lucky, for those reasons and more – most especially for the wonderful array of talented and giving people who share and support our mission to recruit and prepare outstanding new math and science teachers. Students, teachers, administrators, and donors and collaborators across many organizations make Cal Teach successful, and I am grateful for that.

This Thanksgiving, I give thanks especially for my teammates on the tiny Cal Teach staff – Tammy Bye, with her wonderful new energy and ideas to carry us into the future, and Lea Evans, who has capably and graciously managed the ever-evolving logistics of our growing program for eight years and will be moving on to her own new future with her family in Seattle in 2016.

--Gretchen

Attention Continuing Interns!

Required Pre/Co-requisite for Spring CaT3!

- EDUC 185B, Intro to Math Education (offered WINTER '16) OR:
- EDUC 185C, Intro to Teaching Science (offered SPRING '16)

You MUST take EDUC 185B or 185C before or while taking CaT3.

Attention Credential Program Applicants and In-Service Cal Teach Graduates!

The Edward and Miriam Landesman Fund for Future Teachers helps Cal Teach reimburse current students and graduates for professional expenses to advance your teaching career. For aspiring teachers, this includes reimbursement for CBEST and CSET test fees and the fingerprinting required for credential applications. For practicing teachers, this includes reimbursement for registration fees to attend professional meetings (like the California Mathematics Conference) or classroom equipment. Contact Cal Teach to arrange (calteach@ucsc.edu)!
Intern and Host Teacher Voices

From a CaT Intern

Annie Choy, 2nd year bioeducation major: The Cal Teach internship is one of my favorite things I’ve done here at UCSC. Not only has it helped me discover that I’m passionate about teaching, it has also given me opportunities to view the classroom from the eyes of a teacher instead of a student. In the past week I’ve been able to test students orally on parts of a replica australopithecus skull and help supervise a glass bending lab. If you have even the slightest interest in becoming a teacher, this internship is truly something to consider.

From two Cal Teach host teachers

Bob Goeckermann, biology teacher, Aptos High School: I have had the pleasure of working with Cal Teach interns for many years in our Biology program here at Aptos High. I ALWAYS learn from them, and appreciate the energy and fresh perspective they bring to my classroom. Sharing observations and new ideas has been most rewarding for me and my students.

Larry Johnson, chemistry teacher, Aptos High School: [With a Cal Teach internship, undergrads] can test out how comfortable they are interacting with and helping students of high school age, get insight into the work involved in teaching, and even try teaching or leading some lessons themselves before committing to a credential program. As a veteran teacher, I appreciate hearing Cal Teach intern impressions of how things are going in the class, I love having someone else that can help in the classroom, and I have enjoyed many interesting discussions on philosophies and pragmatics of high school education.

MA/Credential Programs

Application deadlines for Teacher Credential programs are fast approaching, especially the early UC Berkeley MACSME program deadline on December 2. UCSC’s deadline is January 15. Email Lea (lea@ucsc.edu) to set up an appointment to discuss your credential program application components with one of us.

Cal Teach UCSC MA/Credential Scholarships

Successful Cal Teach interns who are considering UCSC’s MA/Credential program are urged to apply for NSF Noyce Scholarships.

• Application deadline for both: January 15
• Scholarship applicants must attend the Meet the Cal Teach Partner School Districts event in JEBB 160, 5:00-6:00 pm, November 30! For more info, email us at calteach@ucsc.edu or come by our offices.

Advice from the trenches:

In order to not feel stressed, manage your time well so that you are not rushing over winter break to finish your application. You should also schedule your CSETs in a timely manner so that you do not feel pressured by the program’s requirements.

I also suggest that you engage and become involved with your school placements in order to get to know your students, better serve them, and learn from them.

-Chanel Robles, Biology ’14, current MA/C student

Cal Teach urges all applicants to take CBEST and CSET exams by January 15 and to contact your letter writers a month or more before your deadline!

Make sure to ask for your letters of rec early; that’s the hardest part to get done!

-Becky McKee, Mathematics ’15, current MA/C student

Lea is moving to Seattle in winter 2016! Invite your friends and colleagues to apply for her job here by Nov. 11, 2015.