



# *Teaching Fellows* Scholarship

The Teaching Fellows Scholarship Program is a four-year enrichment and career preparation program for local high school graduates who plan to become teachers. The program is anchored by two strong components: early classroom field experience and monthly professional development. Teaching Fellows are placed as paid interns in schools while they pursue their undergraduate degrees and teaching credentials. Monthly seminars develop competence and confidence in the classroom, and provide insight into the unique needs of central valley students.

Teaching Fellows enroll in two cohort classes during their freshman and sophomore years, which provide a deepened sense of camaraderie as Teaching Fellows navigate their college careers. They experience a weekend Leadership Camp to help them discover their potential and understand the power of group dynamics.

A Google-certified technology instructor helps all Scholars increase their competencies in using computer-assisted instruction and in preparing technically enhanced reports and presentations. Teaching Fellows have mentors and have opportunities to mentor others. Community service projects are built into the program. A system of support and encouragement is provided through personal academic advisement and a program counselor. Networking opportunities emerge and friendships are formed through cohort classes, in depth seminars, and summer travel study opportunities.

An ongoing partnership with the NASA/AMES Research Center in Mountain View assures that all Teaching Fellows have opportunities for training in how to integrate Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology as classroom instructors. They will assist in NASA's mission of inspiring our nation's future explorers, researchers and scientists.

Summer travel study in Washington, D.C. increases understanding of both US history and the democratic process, which governs our country. Teaching Fellows spend ten days exploring the Smithsonian, visiting the national monuments, and paying respects at Arlington National Cemetery. Scholars qualify for paid experience in schools in addition to an annual \$1,000 scholarship.

Qualifications are:

- California State University, Fresno admission
- A High School GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Class rank in top 20% of high school graduating class

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