

# NYC Teaching Fellows June 2008 Program

## Overview

Because effective teachers dramatically increase their students' academic success, the mission of the NYC Teaching Fellows program is to recruit and prepare high-quality, dedicated individuals to become teachers who raise student achievement in the New York City classrooms that need them most. Each Fellow uses his/her diverse experiences, knowledge, and achievements to positively affect the lives of students, while working toward a subsidized Master's degree. Participation in the Fellowship does not require teaching experience or previous education coursework. From over 115,000 applicants over the past eight years, NYCTF has provided New York City classrooms with over 13,000 high-quality new teachers.

## Application

The Fellowship is currently accepting applications for its June 2008 program; June 2008 Fellows begin pre-service training in June and start teaching in September 2008. The Teaching Fellows program accepts candidates to teach high-need subjects areas. This year the majority of Fellows will teach math, science, ESL, English, Spanish, bilingual education, or special education.

Some candidates may be eligible for our Science Immersion or Math Immersion programs, special initiatives that help individuals with science-related or math-related backgrounds gain the credits they need to teach science or math in the New York City public schools. Eligibility requirements are listed on our website.

## Teaching Position

Fellows find their own school-level teaching positions to ensure a good match for both the Fellow and the school. To support Fellows in their job search, NYCTF provides online tools and resources and connects Fellows to job fairs and smaller school-based interview events. Although NYCTF does not assign Fellows to individual schools, each Fellow is assigned a subject area and a borough within which s/he will look for a school-level position. The Teaching Fellows program takes candidates' subject area and borough preferences into consideration; however, assignments are driven primarily by school needs and by each Fellow's eligibility. Most Fellows are assigned to the Bronx and Brooklyn. All Fellows must be prepared to teach wherever they are needed most.

## Pre-service Training

Pre-service training is a key aspect of the Fellowship. June 2008 Fellows will complete an intensive seven-week pre-service training program that includes field work in a New York City summer school classroom, Master's degree coursework, and Student Achievement Framework sessions focused on the practical aspects of teaching. Due to strict New York state guidelines for certification, attendance at all components of pre-service training is mandatory.

## Salary and Benefits

June 2008 Fellows will receive a non-taxable stipend of \$2,500 to help offset living costs during pre-service training. Fellows should be aware that they are responsible for the costs associated with the certification tests and university-required books and materials.

Once June 2008 Fellows start teaching in September, they will earn the same salary and benefits as other New York City teachers (less the contribution toward their Master's degree). The starting salary for a first-year teacher with only a Bachelor's degree will be \$45,530.

## Subsidized Master's Degree

While teaching, each Fellow works toward a subsidized Master's degree in education, specializing in the subject s/he teaches. The Master's program takes two to three years to complete; the duration varies depending on a Fellow's subject area and university assignments. Fellows are assigned to universities based solely on their subject area and borough assignments; therefore, a Fellow cannot choose which university s/he will attend. Well over 50 percent of Fellows will attend one of the CUNY colleges.

Each Fellow in the June 2008 program will be responsible for some portion of the cost of his/her Master's degree. The amount will be deducted over time from a Fellow's paycheck. (June 2007 Fellows are required to contribute \$5,500 toward the cost of the degree.)

## Testing Requirements

In order to meet New York State teaching certification requirements, each Fellow must pass both the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST) and the appropriate Content Specialty Test (CST) before s/he can begin teaching. Upon acceptance, NYCTF will instruct Fellows about which CST to take. Fellows are responsible for the cost of the exams.

## Eligibility

- ✓ Bachelor's degree conferred by June 15, 2008. Minimum GPA of 3.0 (consideration given for achievement).
- ✓ U.S. citizenship or permanent residency with a valid green card, and fluency in English.
- ✓ Cannot have previously benefited from a NYC Department of Education tuition assistance program (other than career training for paraprofessionals).
- ✓ Cannot be certified to teach.

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