LAUNCH Your STEM Teaching Career With the GREAT Program

Georgia needs talented middle grades math and science teachers.

If you enjoy working with children and have a strong background in STEM, you can get paid while you earn a teaching degree!

You get excited about things like robotics, rockets, hurricanes and sea turtles — and you love showing children how they can put geometry and algebra to work in cool STEM careers.

Why not share your skills with middle grades students?

If you’ve been working in a science, technology, engineering or math field and are interested in teaching, we have a program that will help you make the transition if you have a bachelor’s degree in a STEM-related field.

The Georgia Residency for Educating Amazing Teachers (GREAT) program is a great way to become a teacher.

Applicants must:

- Hold a bachelor’s degree in math, science or a STEM field or expect to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in one of these fields in or by the spring of 2022 OR
- Demonstrate professional experience in a STEM career field and hold a bachelor’s degree in any field with a preferred minimum of nine undergraduate credit hours in math and nine in science AND
- Have earned an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75

In the GREAT program, you’ll gain classroom teaching experience under the guidance of a mentor teacher while completing an online 36-credit Master of Arts in Teaching at Georgia College & State University — all while earning a first-year teacher’s salary and full health care benefits.

GREAT resident teachers will be placed in middle grades classrooms in grades six through eight in rural Georgia.

Upon successfully completing the residency, you’ll be hired by the district where you served. Residents must pay GCSU tuition and fees and agree to teach in the district in which they are hired for three years.

How to Apply

1. Visit Georgia College & State University on the web: gcsu.edu/admissions/graduate
2. Apply online to the Summer 2022 Master of Arts in Teaching in Middle Grades program in the College of Education.
3. Check the box for the GREAT program in the online application.
4. Apply by the GREAT deadline of March 15, 2022.

Questions about applying? Contact Shanda Brand at shanda.brand@gcsu.edu or 478-445-1383.

Learn more about GREAT by contacting any program lead:

- Dan Mollette at daniel.mollette@sreb.org or 404-962-9623
- Jon Schmidt-Davis at jon.schmidt-davis@sreb.org or 404-879-5591
- Nancy Mizelle at nancy.mizelle@gcsu.edu or 478-445-6555

Referral Bonus!

Know someone who’d be a GREAT teacher? Share this opportunity, and if they’re selected, you may qualify for a $250 referral incentive! Email jon.schmidt-davis@sreb.org to learn more.

About GREAT

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