



SUMMER TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Breakthrough Philadelphia launches talented students, beginning in middle school, on a path to college success and inspires outstanding college students to pursue careers in education.

Breakthrough increases educational opportunity by focusing on the development of both students and teachers. Through academic enrichment and college preparation, Breakthrough prepares students who have limited educational opportunities to attend and succeed at competitive high schools and four-year colleges. Simultaneously, Breakthrough develops future educators by providing professional teaching experiences to college students through its selective residency programs. Breakthrough Philadelphia is part of a national educational movement called Breakthrough Collaborative, which operates in 23 cities across the country.

Breakthrough students dream of college but attend under-resourced schools. Driven by the promise of engaging classrooms led by energetic young teachers, they complete rigorous applications to Breakthrough where they dedicate their summer vacations to hard work in pursuit of their academic goals. During our intensive summer program, Breakthrough students participate in rigorous literature, math, writing, and science classes, complete an average of two hours of homework each night and enjoy daily enrichment activities.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Breakthrough Teaching Residency is one of the most rewarding and rigorous experiences available to undergraduates in the county. Whether you have always dreamed of being in the classroom or are considering it for the first time, teaching at Breakthrough will help prepare you for a career in education while building skills that are transferable to any profession.

Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia brings together passionate undergraduates from all majors to teach our motivated middle school students. As a Breakthrough teaching fellow, you will receive extensive training, continuous support and the opportunity to lead a classroom. Throughout the summer, you will assume leadership roles and practice persistence, creativity, flexibility and problem-solving. Under the guidance of experienced educators, you will work alongside other exceptional college students to plan and teach classes, manage a classroom, advise students, lead field trips and develop as a teacher and leader.

As a teaching fellow, you will:

- Complete 100+ hours of training.
- Gain 75+ hours of teaching experience.
- Learn to consistently engage 100% of students.
- Teach a core academic course to multiple small classes.
- Design and lead an enrichment course.
- Step into leadership roles, such as chairing a committee.
- Participate in daily department meetings to prepare and practice lessons.
- Learn to give and receive constructive feedback regularly.
- Thoughtfully plan, execute, evaluate, and evolve your work.

Breakthrough is seeking Teaching Fellows in Middle School Mathematics and Science for its 2018 summer academies. Positions are available at our **Drexel University** and **Germantown Friends School** locations.

- Drexel University, 7th Grade Math
- Drexel University, 7th/8th Grade Math
- Germantown Friends School: 7th/8th Math
- Germantown Friends School: 7th/8th Science
- Germantown Friends School: 8th Math
- Germantown Friends School: 8th Science



KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to work with students and teachers from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds
- Excellent presentation, writing, and organizational skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and desire to work in mentorship relationships
- Creativity, energy, and ability to exercise agility in educational environments

SCHEDULE

- **May/June**-Instructional Coach Orientation*
 - Communication with Breakthrough Staff regarding pre-summer responsibilities
- **June 11th to August 10th**
 - A nine-week residency that includes two weeks of training, six weeks of teaching and one week of wrap-up and evaluation.
 - June 11 - June 22: Orientation and Training
 - June 25 - August 3: Summer Program
 - August 6 - August 10: Wrap Up and Evaluation
 - An intensive daily schedule, which runs from 8:00 a.m. until 6 p.m., five days a week.

COMPENSATION:

Teaching with Breakthrough is an unpaid opportunity. However, Breakthrough provides a living stipend to help cover your expenses for the summer. Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia begins with a stipend of \$1100, which increases up to \$2000 depending on the candidate's financial aid. Breakthrough is also able to provide homestays for qualified individuals.

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

Breakthrough is designed to accommodate a variety of teaching fellow backgrounds and experiences. Interest in pursuing a career in education is not required, nor is education coursework or experience. We are looking for applicants who want to engage the Breakthrough students in rigorous academics, work collaboratively with colleagues and grow in a fast-paced, nurturing environment.

- To be eligible to apply, you must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program or graduated during the 2017 - 2018 academic year.
- To Apply, send the following materials to Miriam Leisman (mleisman@breakthroughphilly.org):
 - Resume
 - Cover Letter that responds to the following questions:
 - Why are you interested in learning, teaching, and leading at Breakthrough? If you have taught at Breakthrough in the past, please explain why you want to return as a leader this summer.
 - Write about a time you engaged and supported others to accomplish a shared goal. What was challenging, and how did you grow? If you have taught at Breakthrough in the past, please use an example from your Breakthrough experience.
 - Reflect on a time when you didn't perform as well as you had anticipated. How did you respond? What did you learn? If you have taught at Breakthrough in the past, please use an example from your Breakthrough experience.
 - Current Course Transcript with Grades



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Breakthrough at 215-261-6703 or email mleisman@breakthroughphilly.org

Breakthrough is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified applicants are considered for employment without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status.