

Upcoming
Opportunity

Prospective Teachers!

HCOE in partnership with County Offices of Education across Northern California has been awarded **CTC grant funds to support Teacher Resident Candidates** to obtain their Education Specialist Credential.

\$25,000 STIPEND

**Credentialed
Classes
Offered Online**

*Become a Teacher in
Your Community*

Selected candidates will receive \$25,000 to assist with costs and tuition at Cal Poly Humboldt. Additional funds are available to districts and experienced mentor teachers to support teacher residents.

Learn more at:
hcoe.org/teacher-residency



See reverse for full program details.
Scan QR Code for more info about Cal Poly
Humboldt's Education Specialist Program or go to
bit.ly/CPH-EdSpecialist



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The Humboldt Office of Education (HCOE) is pleased to announce funding awarded through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) competitive Teacher Residency Expansion Grant. In partnership with Cal Poly Humboldt, HCOE has created a consortia of Northern California county offices of Education and small school districts (Del Norte, Glenn, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Humboldt Counties) to offer Residency Program candidates from across the region to obtain their Education Specialist credential. HCOE has created this consortium and sought grant funds to assist school districts from across Northern California to proactively address the projected teacher shortage across our region.

Each candidate will receive \$25,000 to assist with costs associated with obtaining their education specialist credential via Cal Poly Humboldt's Education Specialist Credential Program. Such costs include tuition, fees, books and assessment costs.

Additional grant funds of \$4,000 have been allocated to support district selected mentor teachers who will provide valuable support and guidance to eligible residency candidates. Additional supplemental funds up to \$2,000 also available.

The funding for the Teacher Residency Program is provided for a cohort of residents for the 2026/27 school year. The sponsored candidate will serve in a district for a period of at least four school years, which may begin with the school year after the candidate successfully completes the initial year of preparation and obtains a preliminary teaching credential. Ideally, if the district would like to extend an offer, the sponsored candidate will be hired in the district where they served as a teacher resident. A candidate who fails to complete the period of placement and the service agreement of four years in Northern California schools, will be expected to reimburse HCOE the amount of funding that was invested in the candidate's residency training.

What this means for participating districts:

- This is an exciting way to "grow your own" education specialist teachers in Northern California.
- You have the opportunity to identify current employees such as special education aides or others who you believe are ready for the challenge.
- The grant requires a commitment of teaching for four years after obtaining the credential so you can count on a dependable work-force.
- For each candidate, the district will need to identify an experienced mentor teacher who has at least three years of teaching experience and a clear credential authorizing instruction of special education, has a record of successful teaching, and who agrees to receive specific mentor training. There will be compensation for each mentor teacher (\$4000/yr).
- District agrees to a commitment to offer priority employment teaching opportunities, if possible, for four years beyond obtaining the credential.

Next steps:

- Please meet with members of your school site(s) to determine if there is a clear need for special education residents within your district next year.
- If so, please identify the specific sites and number of Teacher Residents you would like to secure for next year.
- Please identify prospective Teacher Residents and encourage them to complete the teacher resident eligibility application and apply to the Education Specialist credential program at Cal Poly Humboldt.

For more information, please contact Heather Ballinger, Ed.D. at the Humboldt County Office of Education at (707) 441-3912 or hballinger@hcoe.org. For more information about Cal Poly Humboldt's Education Specialist Program and/or their application process, please visit Cal Poly Humboldt Special Education Program via QR code below or contact Bernie Levy at (707) 826-5795