

Community Teaching Fellowship

Growing a diverse, local education workforce

What is the Community Teaching Fellowship?

The Community Teaching Fellowship aims to diversify our local education workforce and better serve our K-12 population by providing a fellowship to cover all costs of the UCSB Teacher Education Program. This fellowship aims to provide funding to teacher candidates from the Santa Barbara area or neighboring regions who wish to work for a school district in the Santa Barbara area upon completion of their credential.

How much funding will I receive?

The Community Teaching Fellowship will cover tuition, fees, health insurance, and provide a small stipend for each quarter of the program, approximately \$40,000 in total funding.

Who is eligible for the Community Teaching Fellowship?

Required eligibility criteria:

- Will attend the UCSB Teacher Education Program to pursue their single subject, multiple subject, or education specialist credential
- Shows exceptional academic promise
- Has high financial need to pursue their credential
- Has spent a major portion of their K-12 student-experience in Santa Barbara County or adjacent regions
- Demonstrates a strong desire to join the education workforce in South Santa Barbara County or adjacent regions

Preferred eligibility criteria:

- Is a first-generation college student, and/or is bi/multilingual, and/or is from a group that is disproportionately absent or has faced historical or systemic inequities in educational institutions.
- Has strong ties to the Santa Barbara Unified PEAC program (preferred), or another Santa Barbara Unified pathway program (e.g., AVID, Innovate).

How do I apply?

Apply by [completing the application](#).

Apply by **February 1, 2026** to be considered for funding for the 2026-27 school year.

