TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAMS & OTHER WAYS TO TEACH IN THE U.S.  
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*Most programs focus on urban areas, and provide some type of assistance toward master's degrees and/or certification. Loan forgiveness is available through some. Each program is structured differently. Check the qualifications for each program carefully, and try to speak with an alumnus of the programs to which you apply. Many of these programs are highly competitive, so apply to several. Treat the process as seriously as any other job search! Apply well in advance of deadlines if you can.*


BTR is a one year, full-time AmeriCorps program that recruits college graduates, career changers and community members of all ages and gives them the tools to make an immediate impact in the classrooms of the Boston Public Schools. Combining a yearlong classroom apprenticeship with targeted master’s-level coursework, the program offers more than just an affordable route into teaching. BTR provides practical learning, hands-on experience and ongoing support. After an intensive two-month summer institute, residents spend the full academic year co-teaching with a Collaborating Teacher. They work under the close guidance of experienced faculty called Clinical Teacher Educators, four days a week and devote one evening and all day Friday to graduate coursework and seminars. $12,100 stipend, health benefits and AmeriCorps education stipend upon completion. Additional financial aid available.


Fellows teach in New York City schools following a seven week pre-service training course during which they are paid $2500. The program helps teaching fellows find positions within the New York City schools for which they are paid the typical starting salary, about $49,908. At the same time, each is pursuing his/her own education through a subsidized Master's degree program. Fellows benefit from: a regular teacher's salary and benefits; ongoing support at the school and region levels; and a network of like-minded professionals committed to educational excellence for New York City's students. May be eligible for AmeriCorps Education stipend upon completion.


The DC Teaching Fellows recruits a range of diverse applicants who have shown a record of commitment and achievement in past endeavors. They look for creative-minded, patient, and flexible candidates who understand the level of dedication it takes to improve a system— one classroom at a time. Fellows are trained in an intensive pre-service program and receive ongoing coaching. Training is at your expense and is typically around $4800. Each is pursuing or has already completed a credentialing degree program in education. Fellows receive a full teacher’s salary which averages around $51,000, medical and dental benefits, and support from administrative program staff.

**Teach for America** - [http://www.teachforamerica.org/](http://www.teachforamerica.org/)

Recruits individuals of all majors and career interests. Teach for America works with school districts, states, and schools of education to ensure that corps members have access to coursework, test information, and preparation tools to meet requirements. In many areas, established partnerships with graduate schools enable corps members to obtain their master's degrees in education. While TFA connects corps members to these resources, corps members are responsible for ensuring they meet required standards and covering the related costs. Positions include full time teacher salaries and benefits. AmeriCorps educational stipend may be available upon completion.
The New Teacher Project - Alternate Routes to Teacher Certification [http://www.tntp.org]

TNTP's alternate routes to certification are highly selective programs designed to recruit and train high-achieving individuals who do not have education backgrounds to become teachers for hard-to-staff schools. These "Teaching Fellows" programs currently operate in many cities. Full teacher salaries vary by location, as do the graduate education and/or certification offered.

Urban Teacher Center - [http://www.urbanteachercenter.org/]

This four-year program begins with a residency year in which participants partner with a successful current teacher. Simultaneously, participants enroll in an innovative and clinically-based master’s degree program designed exclusively for UTC. UTC participants receive a living stipend and benefits during the first year of the program, and full teacher salaries and full benefits from their partner school district or charter management organization starting in year two of the program. In Baltimore and DC, the salary ranges from $46,700-$50,000 annually. Student loan deferrals available.

National Center for Teacher Residencies - [http://www.nctresidencies.org/]

Offers one-year apprenticeship and master’s degree in exchange for three-year commitments in inner city schools around the country including the West Coast. Format is similar to Urban Teacher Center.

National Center for Alternative Certification [http://www.alt-teachercert.org/]

Access more than 600 state sponsored alternative routes to training and certification. This site lets you search by state.

Uncommon Schools [http://www.uncommonschools.org/careers/stf]

A Summer Teaching Fellowship in Boston, Newark, Brooklyn, Rochester, and Troy, NY for college students who have completed their junior year. Fellows work and teach in one of Uncommon’s schools with the support of a Mentor Teacher, Summer Academy Director, and STF Staff. You will also engage in a range of professional development sessions. To build cohort community, Fellows also take part in fun social and cultural events together. For the seven - eight week cycle, Fellows receive the following: $3,500 - $4,000 stipend, travel stipend, housing or a housing stipend.

Note: Deadline and salary information is always subject to change. Check the websites carefully. Contact Career Services to speak with Lafayette alumni who have participated in these programs.