INSPIRING STUDENTS.
DEVELOPING TEACHERS.
TOGETHER, WE ARE BREAKTHROUGH.

Join the premier summer teaching program designed for undergraduates of all majors and career aspirations. For more than 40 years, the Breakthrough Collaborative has supported students from under-resourced communities across the country, on their path to college - working with them during summers and through out-of-school programs. During a summer teaching residency with Breakthrough, you will gain valuable classroom experience and grow your leadership skills in a fun and supportive community.

- Receive 100+ hours of training and continued coaching from professional educators
- Participate in a nine-week* summer program with living stipend
- Develop skills in presentation, public-speaking, collaboration, and leadership
- Teach academic and enrichment classes at one of our 24 affiliates
- Learn classroom management, instructional strategies, and feedback techniques
- Work with a diverse group of motivated students, undergraduates, and professionals in a hard-working and fun community

"Breakthrough was truly a life changing experience, especially teaching through a pandemic. As a Teaching Fellow, you practice teamwork, develop leadership skills, exercise time-management, and gain an overall better understanding of working to accomplish a common goal”

– Breakthrough Houston Teaching Fellow Alum

BREAKING THROUGH THE DISTANCE
BREAKTHROUGH’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

In the summer of 2020, the Breakthrough model was put to the test when the COVID pandemic forced Breakthrough programs across the country to adapt their summer programming to be fully virtual. Our time-tested research-based training framework was instrumental in helping us pivot to a fully virtual model.

In Summer of 2021, our programs continued to respond to COVID-19 while running virtual, hybrid, and in-person models, based on local needs.

Read more about how Breakthrough responded to COVID-19 and the experience our Teaching Fellows had in 2020 in our White Paper.
OUR STUDENTS WORK WITH AMAZING STUDENTS ON THE PATH TO COLLEGE.

Many Breakthrough students will be the first in their families to graduate from college and often attend under-resourced schools. They choose summers at Breakthrough filled with rigorous academics (and fun!) to keep themselves on the path to college. As a Teaching Fellow, you’ll guide and support your students. Research shows that students from lower-income backgrounds can lose up to two months of math and literacy skills over the summer.

At Breakthrough, our students work to combat this, leading to growth and contributing to their academic success.

96% OF OUR STUDENTS IDENTIFY AS BIPOC
(BLACK, INDIGENOUS, PEOPLE OF COLOR)

75% OF OUR STUDENTS ARE FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE-GOERS

OUR STUDENTS ARE SIX TIMES MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE THAN THEIR PEERS

Scan the QR code to learn more about how we engaged our students in virtual learning.
THE BREAKTHROUGH TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

The Breakthrough Teaching Fellow experience is designed for undergraduates of all majors. Each summer, undergraduates from all disciplines join our team — those who intend to pursue careers in education, as well as those who are on other professional paths. We encourage students from all majors and with all professional interests to apply (education coursework is not a prerequisite).

OUR TEACHERS
JOIN A TEAM OF ACCOMPLISHED & COMMITTED UNDERGRADUATES.

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95% OF OUR TEACHING FELLOWS WOULD RECOMMEND THE EXPERIENCE

26% OF OUR TEACHING FELLOWS ARE STEM MAJORS

70% OF OUR TEACHING FELLOWS IDENTIFY AS BIPOC
(BLACK, INDIGENOUS, PEOPLE OF COLOR)

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY is central to Breakthrough’s mission and is one of our organization’s core values. We are committed to intentionally creating diverse communities and work to ensure that all identities — particularly Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and those that have been historically marginalized — are represented and supported. As educators, we strive to create spaces where our students feel safe, and work to ensure that each member of our community is supported. As a collective of community-based organizations, each of our affiliates work to see the identities of the communities they serve reflected across all levels of the organization.
When applying, you will rank your top locations. Your application will be reviewed by our selection committees, in that order. Complete details about each program’s dates, stipend and housing information, and other details are available in our online site directory (linked).

**PROGRAM LOCATIONS**

- Atlanta, GA
- Austin, TX
- Birmingham, AL
- Boston, MA
- Cincinnati, OH
- Denver, CO
- Fort Worth, TX
- Houston, TX
- Manchester, NH
- Miami, FL
- Minneapolis, MN
- St. Paul, MN
- New Orleans, LA
- New York, NY
- Norfolk, VA
- Philadelphia, PA
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Providence, RI
- Sacramento, CA
- San Francisco, TX
- San Jose, CA
- San Juan Capistrano, CA
- Santa Fe, NM

Scan the QR code to learn more about our program and our mission.
OUR PROGRAM TIMELINE

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<td>Learn and practice effective lesson planning, instructional strategies, and classroom management techniques.</td>
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<td>Teach core academic and enrichment classes, engage in meetings and parent conferences, build relationships, and refine teaching skills through feedback from your instructional coach.</td>
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<td>Reflect on your successes, review student-outcome data, and debrief the teaching experience.</td>
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“Breakthrough helped me expand my leadership skills and connect with students meaningfully. The close-knit and spirited community allowed me to grow.”

– Breakthrough Sacramento Teaching Fellow Alum

OUR APPLICATION PROCESS

To complete your application, be prepared with the following:

- Personal and contact info
- A résumé
- Contact information for a recommender (whom we will contact; we do not accept letters of recommendation)
- An unofficial transcript (uploaded as an attachment)
- Three short-answer questions (see application)
- Location and teaching preferences

Upon submission, your application will be reviewed by your first-choice program.

APPLY ONLINE: breakthroughcollaborative.org/apply-teacher/

IMPORTANT DATES**

OCTOBER 14, 2021 Application opens
JANUARY 13, 2022 Early Action deadline
FEBRUARY 24, 2022 Regular Decision deadline

*Normal timeline and length for our in-person program pre-COVID. Timelines may vary for Summer 2022.
Breakthrough Collaborative is a national collaborative of 24 affiliates that expands educational opportunities for students from underserved communities in 6th through 12th grades. Each affiliate creates programming for students in its local community. The program collectively engages thousands of students across the country every year, of whom 96 percent identify as a person of color, and 77 percent receive free or reduced-price lunch subsidies.

Breakthrough affiliates offer academically challenging summer programs, after-school tutoring, weekend enrichment programs, test preparation, college and financial counseling, and individualized college guidance. Students enter the program in middle school and participate until high school graduation — typically a six year commitment. By starting early and supporting students through their pivotal developmental years, Breakthrough helps prepare students for college and beyond. With more than four decades of success in closing the opportunity gap for students from under-resourced communities, Breakthrough is a national leader in educational equity.

To learn more, visit breakthroughcollaborative.org