THE BREAKTHROUGH SUMMER
Spend a summer teaching. Spend a lifetime leading.

“Breakthrough will uncover strength you never knew you had. Over the course of the summer, your students and colleagues will find the best parts of you and bring them to the surface. Spending my days guiding my students gave me something bigger than myself to work for. Breakthrough gave me purpose and a passion, and I can’t wait to go back.”
– 2018 Teaching Fellow Alumnus, Rice University

Join the premier summer teaching program designed for undergraduates of all majors and career aspirations. You will gain valuable classroom experience and grow your leadership skills in a fun and motivated community. You’ll spend your summer with amazing middle-school students who are putting themselves on the path to college.

- Participate in a nine-week summer program with living stipend
- Develop skills in presentation and public-speaking, collaboration, and leadership that are transferrable to many professional settings
- Teach academic and enrichment classes at one of our 25 affiliates throughout the U.S. and in Hong Kong
- Receive 100+ hours of training
- Learn lesson planning, classroom management, instructional strategies, and feedback techniques
- Receive coaching from professional educators
- Work with a diverse group of motivated students, undergraduates, and professionals in a hard-working and fun community

Photo: Breakthrough San Francisco at SF Day School
Work with amazing students on the path to college.

73% of our students are students of color

72% of our students are first generation college-goers

79% of our students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch

48% of our students have a home language other than English

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 teacher, 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.

Photo: Breakthrough Pittsburgh
JOIN A TEAM OF ACCOMPLISHED AND COMMITTED UNDERGRADUATES.

63% of our teachers are PEOPLE OF COLOR

15% of our teachers are STEM MAJORS

99% of our teachers would RECOMMEND THE EXPERIENCE

91% of our teachers said Breakthrough increased READINESS FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

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). We seek applicants with a deep interest in social justice and a passion for working with students. Our teaching fellows must be committed to personal growth and comfortable working in a fast-paced, collaborative environment. Because we celebrate the diversity of our community, we seek undergraduate applicants from diverse backgrounds and life experiences.
OUR BREAKTHROUGH COMMUNITIES

Choose from programs in 25 locations.

When applying, you will rank your top three 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.

AFFILIATE LOCATIONS:

- Atlanta, GA
- Austin, TX
- Birmingham, AL
- Boston, MA
- Cincinnati, OH
- Denver, CO
- Fort Worth, TX
- Houston, TX
- Hong Kong
- Manchester, NH
- Miami, FL
- Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN (2)
- New Orleans, LA
- New York, NY
- Norfolk, VA
- Philadelphia, PA
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Providence, RI
- Sacramento, CA
- San Francisco, CA (2)
- San Jose, CA
- San Juan Capistrano, CA
- Santa Fe, NM
Apply to Breakthrough today!

**OUR PROGRAM TIMELINE**

*Prepare, train, teach, and reflect.*

**PRE-SUMMER**

**PREPARATION**
Your site director will share readings and other information to help prepare you.

**WEEKS 1-2**

**TEACHER TRAINING**
Learn and practice effective lesson planning, instructional strategies, and classroom management techniques.

**WEEKS 3-8**

**SUMMER PROGRAM**
Teach core academic and enrichment classes, engage in meetings and parent conferences, build relationships, and refine teaching skills through feedback from your instructional coach.

**WEEKS 9**

**WRAP-UP & REFLECTION**
Reflect on your successes, review student-outcome data, and debrief the teaching experience.

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**OUR APPLICATION PROCESS**

**TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION, BE PREPARED WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

- Personal and contact info
- A resume
- 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)
- Locations and teaching preferences

**UPON SUBMISSION, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY YOUR FIRST-CHOICE PROGRAM.**

**APPLICATION OPENS: OCTOBER 2018**

**EARLY ACTION DEADLINE**
January 10, 2019

**REGULAR DECISION DEADLINE**
February 21, 2019

**FINAL DECISION NOTIFICATION**
April 12, 2019 (rolling with final decision no later than)

**APPLY ONLINE:** breakthroughcollaborative.org/apply-teacher/
As a pioneer in education reform, Breakthrough is more than an organization. We are a nationwide movement, tackling the achievement gap with a groundbreaking approach. Through our summer and school-year programs, we increase academic opportunity for highly motivated, underserved middle- and high-school students, putting them on the path to college. We are also the largest pre-service teacher-training program in the country, providing best-in-class pre-service training for more than 1,000 undergraduate teaching fellows each year. As part of our commitment to developing the next generation of teachers, we offer leadership residencies for professional educators, who support our teaching fellows as instructional coaches.

We serve our constituencies across a collaborative network of 24 affiliates throughout the U.S. and one in Hong Kong, reaching more than 5,000 students each summer. Since our founding nearly 40 years ago, we have served more than 40,000 students and teachers. To learn more, visit www.breakthroughcollaborative.org.