

Support UTeach Columbus

The need

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields have become increasingly important to U.S. economic competitiveness and growth. However, our nation is not producing a sufficient number of college graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to meet the demand for qualified workers in STEM industries and occupations. One of the keys to solving this problem is to have a strong K-12 education system, with well-trained teachers. By increasing the number and quality of science and math teachers, our region and our state will invest in the long-term educational needs of our future workforce and in the economic futures of our children.

Meeting the need

In June 2011, Columbus State University was one of three universities in Georgia to be awarded a federal grant worth up to \$1.4 million to support the replication of a nationally recognized mathematics and science teacher preparation program. The UTeach program started at the University of Texas at Austin in 1997 and has been replicated at universities across the country. UTeach has dramatically increased the number of students graduating in secondary science or mathematics education through aggressive recruitment, early and intensive teaching experiences, and ongoing support and mentorship for students throughout the program and into their first years of teaching. Columbus State University administrators, faculty, and staff are dedicated to providing the resources and effort needed to successfully replicate the UTeach program so we may see similar results for the Columbus region.

How you can help

Two federal grants worth a combined \$2.6 million helped to get the UTeach Columbus program up and running. However, additional support is needed to sustain the program now that the grant funding has ended. You can help by giving to support student scholarships, internships, updated technology and lab equipment, or other program needs. If you are interested in offering your support for this program and its students, please contact the [CSU Development Office](#).

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