

Fresno Teacher Residency Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Fresno Unified Teacher Residency Program?

The [Fresno Teacher Residency Program](#) is a partnership between Fresno Unified School District and several of our local universities. The overarching goal of the program is to improve student achievement, specializing in the areas of multiple subject general education, special education, bilingual authorizations, science, math, English, and visual & performing arts. This is an innovative, cutting-edge teacher preparation program coupled with outstanding professional support.

What is the course of study?

The course of study is a teaching credential, with a Master's degree offered through select partnerships. Upon completing the program, individuals will earn a preliminary teaching credential.

How is this different from the traditional student teaching program?

This program uses the cohort model to provide significant support from peers and district personnel. Credential courses are taught by university instructors and Fresno Unified co-teachers. The timeframe for completion of the program is very intense and fast-paced with abundant professional learning designed for the unique needs of each cohort. Coursework for all universities begins during the summer semester. During fall and spring semesters, the courses will run concurrent with student teaching and will vary by university.

How much does it cost?

Please refer to the university website for tuition cost and financial aid.

CALSTATE TEACH <https://www.calstateteach.net/tuitionfees>

FRESNO STATE <https://adminfinance.fresnostate.edu/accountingservices/students/tuitionfees.html>

FRESNO PACIFIC <https://www.fresno.edu/departments/student-financial-services/cost-attendance>

NATIONAL <https://www.nu.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-scholarships/>

What financial support is offered by Fresno Unified?

The Fresno Teacher Residency Program provides a \$34,000 stipend that is paid out over the course of the program.

What is the time commitment?

The required commitment is Monday through Friday 7:30 am-4:00 pm with the possibility of 1-2 courses taking place at night. Residents are required to attend the New Teacher Conference in August, along with 7 Saturday Professional Learnings, which will occur once a month.

Testing Requirements

- o CBEST or equivalent for application and admission
- o CSETs or equivalent by the start of the program
- o RICA and CalTPA will need to be completed during the residency year

Additional Financial Incentives:

- o Substitute Teaching (\$205/day)—Residents can substitute for their mentor teachers up to 5 times per semester
- o Golden State Teacher Grant (one-time eligibility) up to \$20,000

Do you help me get a job?

Upon successful completion of the program, Fresno Unified will find the "right fit" and place residents with other cohort members or previous FTRP graduates.

For additional questions, please reach out to TDresidency@fresnounified.org

