

# TeacherTech Frequently Asked Questions



TeacherTech transforms teaching and learning by connecting Greater Kansas City area K-12 teachers with eight-week, paid summer externships in area businesses, academic institutions and research facilities. TeacherTech externs are exposed to real-life applications and advancements in the fields of math, engineering, technology and science (METS)—knowledge that can be directly incorporated into their classrooms.

## What do Teacher Tech externs do?

Externs work in virtually all functions within a company, including engineering, programming, software development, finance and accounting, sales and marketing, manufacturing, management information systems, training and human resources—the possibilities are endless.

## How long do teacher externships last?

Externships typically last eight weeks and take place during the summer.

## How many hours per day/week will the extern work?

Typically externs work 40 hours a week for the eight-week placement.

## How do employers benefit from participation in TeacherTech?

Participating employers directly benefit by:

- Receiving highly qualified, temporary employees who can work on specific tasks and assignments
- Sharing knowledge to better prepare tomorrow's workforce
- Providing leadership development opportunities for employees who mentor TeacherTech externs
- Enhancing diversity, adding new energy and bringing fresh perspectives to the workplace
- Enhancing the organization's image and visibility in the community

## What is the cost to add a participating company?

Teacher salary (paid directly to the teacher by employer) \$20 per hour for a max	.....	\$6,400
Program fee	.....	\$1,500 *
Fees for classroom grants and participants' continuing education credits	.....	\$ 600 *
Total cost for employer	.....	\$8,500

\* tax-deductible

## How does a company become involved in TeacherTech and hire an extern?

First, register to become an employer partner at [yf-uplink.org](http://yf-uplink.org). A client services manager will contact you to discuss the terms of the partnership and work with you to set up an online account.

## How is YouthFriends involved in TeacherTech?

TeacherTech is a component of UpLink, Kansas City's first-ever community hub connecting the workplace with the classroom. UpLink is operated by YouthFriends.

## Where can I read more about TeacherTech?

For more information about TeacherTech, go to [yf-uplink.org/TeacherTech](http://yf-uplink.org/TeacherTech). Also, feel free to contact Rachel Plotkin at 816.842.7082.