



# TeacherTech®

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## TeacherTech FAQs

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.

**Q: What do Teacher Tech externs do?**

A: 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.

**Q: How long do teacher externships last?**

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

**Q: How many hours per day/week will the extern work?**

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

**Q: How do employers benefit from participation in TeacherTech?**

A: 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

**Q: 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

**Q: How does a company become involved in TeacherTech and hire an extern?**

A: 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.

**Q: How is YouthFriends involved in TeacherTech?**

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

**Q: Where can I read more about TeacherTech?**

A: 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.





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**Q: How does a teacher become involved in TeacherTech and find an externship?**

A: Go to [yf-uplink.org/TeacherTech](http://yf-uplink.org/TeacherTech), log in as a new user and enter your personal information. Through the on-line database, teachers can search through a list of available externships and apply for positions.

**Q: How do teachers benefit from involvement with TeacherTech?**

A: Participating teachers benefit by:

- Enhancing their knowledge and skills through real-world application of math, engineering, technology and science
- Gaining in-depth understanding of industry concepts to make their teaching more relevant to students
- Receiving \$20 an hour for the eight-week assignment (up to \$6,400)
- Developing long-term partnerships and gaining the support of employers.

**Q: How do I find out if my district is involved?**

A: A list of participating districts is available in the Partners section of [yf-uplink.org](http://yf-uplink.org).



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