



# TeacherTech®






Access to Innovation

## Introducing TeacherTech...

**TeacherTech**, a program of UpLink, transforms teaching and learning by connecting Greater Kansas City area teachers to 8-week, summer externships in local businesses, academic institutions and research facilities. **TeacherTech** exposes teachers to applied industry concepts, which later can be incorporated into their classrooms.

By offering summer teacher externships, employers play a critical role in developing well-rounded, progressive teachers who can inspire students through real-world application of math, engineering, technology and science.

### 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

### How it works

UpLink's online database makes it easy for participating employers to post temporary **TeacherTech** employment opportunities and search from a list of hundreds of qualified teacher applicants. Once an appropriate candidate(s) is identified, the employer conducts the interviews and makes the official temporary employment offer. All externships are full-time, 8-week positions.

### Sample job descriptions

**TeacherTech** 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, etc. The following examples illustrate the diversity of possible assignments:

ABC Hospital: Using interviews, perform needs assessment to determine efficiency of outreach programs. Teach health/prenatal care. Requirements: Word processing, fluency in Spanish

ABC Research Corp.: Work with research team to develop document processing software and algorithms for character recognition, document identification, and text search and retrieval. Requirements: Math, IBM, Windows

### Cost to participate

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

\* Tax-deductible

All teacher externships occur within May, June, July and August



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