The PROJECT TEACH Scholarship Program for Graduate Students in the Benerd School of Education

Spring Semester 2016

The PROJECT TEACH Scholarship Program is a unique Pacific Tuition Reduction Program in the School of Education that is available on a continuing basis for graduate students (1) who have been admitted to the Graduate School and (2) who are enrolled in credential or graduate degree (M.A., M.Ed., Ed.S., Ed.D. or Ph.D.) programs in the Benerd School of Education. PROJECT TEACH is also available for one semester for “Unclassified Graduate Students” in the School of Education who are in the process of applying for admission to the Graduate School, but who have not yet been admitted by the beginning of Spring Semester 2016.

Please read carefully the provisions and requirements that follow. If you think you qualify to participate as a PROJECT TEACH SCHOLAR, please complete and sign the attached Application to Participate in PROJECT TEACH, obtain signatures of your academic advisor and department chair approving the course work for which you are requesting PROJECT TEACH coverage, and bring the application to the Dean’s Office in the School of Education (Benerd 111) for final review and approval.

1. Purposes of the School of Education’s PROJECT TEACH Scholarship Program:
   - To help qualified individuals become teachers, especially in areas of high need
   - To help qualified individuals to earn a preliminary credential
   - To help individuals in the education profession work toward advanced degrees at Master’s, Ed.S., and doctoral levels.

2. Financial benefits of PROJECT TEACH in 2015-2016:
   During Fall and Spring Semesters of the 2015-2016 academic year, students approved for participation as PROJECT TEACH SCHOLARS will receive a $441/unit (one-third) reduction in the regular tuition rate for selected graduate course work and field experiences in the School of Education. In 2015-2016, the resulting tuition for PROJECT TEACH SCHOLARS will be $884/unit rather than $1325/unit.

   PROJECT TEACH SCHOLARS can apply their PROJECT TEACH scholarship benefits to the following two categories of course work:
   - Up to 9 units of regular courses (including internships)
   - Up to 14 units of Student Teaching at the 100- or 200-course level, SPED 125x, the related Professional Practice Seminar EDUC 172, or SPED 198/298 (MS)
With two exceptions, PROJECT TEACH benefits can be applied to all courses in a student’s approved program of studies in the School of Education, regardless of where the courses are taught. However, they cannot be applied to doctoral dissertation units, and they cannot be applied to Summer Session courses, since tuition in the summer is already reduced.

3. Requirements to participate in PROJECT TEACH:

- A PROJECT TEACH SCHOLAR must have completed his or her undergraduate degree
- A PROJECT TEACH SCHOLAR must have been admitted to the Graduate School and must be enrolled in a credential or graduate degree program in the Benerd School of Education
- A PROJECT TEACH SCHOLAR must have a program of studies in the School of Education approved by a School of Education advisor and filed in the student’s department

Note: An “Unclassified Graduate Student” in the School of Education can receive up to 6 units of one-time PROJECT TEACH benefits, but only for School of Education courses and only if the student has applied for admission to the Graduate School prior to the start of Spring Semester 2016 or will apply during the first four weeks of the semester. Any additional PROJECT TEACH benefits will be granted only after admission to the Graduate School. A PROJECT TEACH application prepared by an “Unclassified Graduate Student” must be approved by a department chair in the School of Education.

Note: A PROJECT TEACH SCHOLAR cannot simultaneously receive any other School of Education or University tuition reduction or tuition waiver benefits, e.g., be a Graduate Assistant, use a cooperating teacher tuition reduction waiver, or participate in Pacific’s employee tuition benefit program.

4. Application process for participating in the PROJECT TEACH Scholarship Program:

- The applicant must be admitted to the Graduate School to pursue a credential or degree program in the School of Education
- The applicant must meet with an academic advisor in the School of Education to develop (or review) his or her program of studies and identify the courses for which PROJECT TEACH support will be requested during Spring Semester 2016
- The applicant must complete an Application to Participate in PROJECT TEACH for Spring Semester 2016, obtain the necessary signatures, and bring the completed application to the Dean’s Office in the School of Education for final review and approval
- The deadline to apply for a Project Teach Scholarship for course work during Spring Semester is March 11, 2016.

The PROJECT TEACH Scholarship Program for Graduate Students in the School of Education is subject to guidelines approved by the Provost of the University.

Note: Tuition rates are contingent upon final board approval.