Get paid to student teach!

The Montana Teacher Residency Demonstration project, the first of its kind in Montana, has designed professional learning that prepares teachers to best serve their students. Through coursework, the teacher-leader academy, targeted support, and a year spent collaborating in the classroom of an excellent teacher-leader, residency teachers seamlessly connect theory to practice, gaining the skills of highly-effective practitioners that prepare them for the successful leading of their own classroom on day one!

Montana Universities and districts are joining arms with other partners (OPI, community members, parents, students) to prepare and retain rural educators through district-residency partnerships with proficiency-based outcomes.

Interested School Districts

- Brockton School District
- Browning School District
- Cayuse Prairie School District
- Denton Public Schools
- Frazer Public School
- Harlem School District
- Hays Lodge Pole School District
- Lame Deer School District
- Lamont School District

- Lodge Grass School District
- Poplar School District
- Pryor School District
- St. Regis School District
- Turner School District
- Trout Creek School District
- Victor School District
- Wolf Point School District
- Wyola School District
- Evergreen

* This is a fluid list with new districts weekly.

Benefits

OPI
- RESIDENT STIPEND - $14,000
- TEACHER LEADER STIPEND - $6,000
- PARTIAL TUITION $3000 TBD
- TEACHER LEADER SCHOLARSHIP SUMMER INSTITUTE - $799

THE EPP
- *ADJUNCT FACULTY
- TEACHER-LEADER PARTIAL STIPEND
- *TUITION WAIVER

THE DISTRICT
- HOUSING
- TEACHER-LEADER LODGING-PER DIEM FOR ACADEMIES
- ACADEMY AND SUMMER INSTITUTE PARTICIPATION - $1600.00
- INCIDENTAL SUPPLIES & MATERIALS
Starting Fall of 2022

The Fall of 2022 Montana Teacher Residency Demonstration (MTRD), is a full-year program that prepares education undergraduate majors to be effective teachers on the first day they enter their own classroom, able to immediately impact student success. After a year of deliberate, on-site learning, coaching by an effective teacher-leader, and support from the university and community, the research is clear: Residencies prepare diverse, effective teachers.

The program will begin with a two-week 2022 summer institute, followed by a year of in-school apprenticeship continually coached by a teacher-leader. During the year, the team will participate in OPI-sponsored summits that expand the toolbox of the resident and the teacher-leader. Residents will complete undergraduate coursework during the year and, upon completion, receive a bachelor’s degree from their Montana university. Residents receive a stipend during the residency year, potential tuition support, along with district-provided housing. Residents, in exchange, commit to teaching in a Montana high-needs rural school district for a minimum of two years.

RECRUITMENT OF TEACHER RESIDENTS is the responsibility of the Montana partner colleges and universities. The proposed commitment is a minimum of one pair of residents that can be paired at the same school.

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- Identification of potential teacher-leaders for the placement of resident innovators
- Participation in the interview of teacher-leaders for the demonstration project
- Commitment of the teacher leader and school district to the following:
  - June 21-24 Coaching model instruction (microcredentialing)
  - Active involvement in portions of the two-week summer institute for the residency demonstration project
  - Participation in the OPI sponsored Teacher-Leader Academy Cohort II
  - Provide complimentary housing for the resident innovators that will be part of their community for the 2022-23 school year

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