Benefits of the TAPP Program

- $10,000 scholarship for each academic year of support, for up to three years
- Support to complete a bachelor’s degree in biology, chemistry, or physics
- Support for completing major course requirements and CSET preparation
- Support to complete teacher certification and obtain a California science teaching credential with authorization to teach both biology and chemistry, or chemistry and physics
- Mentoring by science faculty from CSU Fullerton
- Stipends to attend science education conferences
- Reimbursement of CSET fees
- Research opportunities within the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department at CSU Fullerton
- Membership in a virtual professional learning community

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The TAPP Program

California State University Fullerton (CSUF) is collaborating with Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD), Mount San Antonio College (MSAC), and the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) to implement Teaching as a Primary Profession (TAPP) in Biology and Biochemistry.

The TAPP Program is recruiting and supporting highly qualified secondary science teachers for Orange County through activities that (1) provide opportunities for students to enrich their understanding of the nature of scientific inquiry through research experiences in biology and biochemistry, (2) develop pedagogical content knowledge with supported experiences in high school and college classrooms, and (3) facilitate the use of information, communication, and educational technologies to improve teaching and learning.

Scholarships will support those who are in the process or have completed a bachelor’s degree in biology or biochemistry and will enroll in the CSUF secondary credential program with the intention of earning a teaching credential with authorization in California to teach both high school biology and chemistry, or chemistry and physics.

Who Should Apply?

Candidates who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

- Are committed to teaching science in a high-need middle or high-school for at least two years after completing the teaching credential
- Are completing their final two years in Biology or Biochemistry major, or have been accepted to the science credential program at CSU Fullerton
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.75
- United States citizen or permanent resident

TAPP Program Stipends

If selected, you will receive annual stipends of $10,000. This will offer you the opportunity to devote full time to learning science and how to teach science for up to two years at the upper division level and over the entire credential program.

Throughout all the phases of the program you will experience a support system that includes science faculty, education faculty, and local master teachers. This support system will enable you to build upon your undergraduate and credential program experiences and be successful in your new teaching position.

After obtaining the teaching credential, you will be required to teach for at least two years in a high-need school, which characterizes a large number of California schools.