

# STEM STARS NEWSLETTER



The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Scholars Teacher Academy Resident System (STARS) institute addresses the critical shortage of science and mathematics teachers in high-need school districts in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi (Deep South). The STEM STARS model, supported by the National Science Foundation, is focused on providing an innovative alternative route to science and mathematics teacher certification for STEM graduates.

STEM STARS Institute provides STEM graduates a residency/clinical strategic pathway for obtaining their science and/or mathematics teacher certification by providing each STEM STARS student:

1. a two-year residency/clinical curriculum leading to a Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT)
2. a modest stipend of \$17,400 for their residency year
3. a mentored clinical year experience with Board Certified teachers serving as mentors

## Incentive Options for Teachers in High-Need School Districts

### Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program (MTFP)

\* Benefits (tuition, books, materials, and fees for three-year maximum)

\* Requirements (geographical shortage area teacher with a Class A license; acceptance in an approved Master of Ed/Ed Specialist program; comply program eligibility requirements)

\* Contact the MTFP Manager at 888-611-5160 / [www.mtftp.net](http://www.mtftp.net)

### Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment Program (MTLR)

\*Benefits (eligible for up to \$12,000 for undergraduate student loan forgiveness)

\* Requirements (obtained teacher certification through an alternate route program; teaches in one of the geographical shortage areas or teaches math, biology, chemistry, physics, Spanish, French, German, or special education in any MS school district)

\* Contact the State Financial Aid Office at 800-327-2980 / [riseupms.com](http://riseupms.com)

## Events



STEM STARS Institute Scholars Teaching in STEM Academy



STEM STARS Info Session and Orientation



STEM STARS Scholars and Mentors Orientation

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