

Do you offer special incentives to Teach for America participants?

The University of Washington's Physics Department is a partner with Teach for America recognizing a joint commitment to education and public service. Upon request from eligible Teach for America participants, the Physics Department will offer a two-year deferral to admitted students who want to participate in the corps in the year in which their study was to commence.

What is Teach for America?

Teach for America is the national teacher corps of outstanding recent college graduates of all academic majors and cultural backgrounds who commit two years to teach in under-resourced urban and rural public schools. Each year about 1,000 corps members reach more than 100,000 students. Corps members were leaders on their college campuses, are leaders in their classrooms, schools and communities, and will be lifelong leaders in the pursuit of educational excellence. The Teach for America experience provides an opportunity for corp members from science backgrounds to improve science literacy for their students and to plant the seeds for future scientists, doctors, and engineers among minority groups that are currently underrepresented in those fields. In addition, the experience of teaching science will challenge a young physicist to re-conceptualize his or her understanding of the subject and make him or her both a better student and a better educator in future years.

For more information on the Teach for America program, please visit their website:
<http://www.teachforamerica.org/>